

Question on Notice

No. 960

Asked on Tuesday, 6 June 2006

MR FINN MP asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

What is his department doing to provide support for victims of crime?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities remains committed to providing services for people who have been personally affected by crime, whether or not the crime has been reported to police.

Under the department's Victims of Crime initiative:

- \$829,818 is allocated to Relationships Australia Victims Counselling and Support Services to provide:
 - six regional counselling and support services located in Brisbane (including Caboolture, Logan and Ipswich), Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton
 - trauma counselling through individual case management, counselling, including telephone counselling, referral and court support services
 - outreach to clients and brokerage services for the Toowoomba, Wide Bay/Burnett and Mackay areas, and
 - a call centre in Brisbane for the 1300 telephone line to provide information, client need assessment, referral and on-line bookings.
- \$250,184 is allocated to Queensland Homicide Victims Support Group to provide:
 - support, information and advocacy including a 24 hour phone support service to assist families and friends of homicide victims deal with their loss, and
 - advocacy for victims and families in negotiating with various agencies.
- \$112,216 is allocated to Women Working Alongside Women with Intellectual and Learning Disabilities to:
 - provide training, information and community education to government and non-government professionals, victim support services, workers, families and carers to respond appropriately to issues that impact on people with intellectual or learning disabilities who are victims or witnesses of crime.
- \$69,635 is allocated to Central Queensland Community Legal Centre to:
 - provide information, assistance, counselling and advice to victims of crime, especially those who have not been able to access other available services and arrange legal representation in legal compensation claims.
- \$43,354 is allocated to Men Affected by Rape and Sexual Abuse to provide:
 - training events in Brisbane and Toowoomba and up to ten peer support groups within Brisbane for men aged over the age of 16 who have been raped or sexually assaulted.