

## Question on Notice

No. 301

Asked on Tuesday, 6 March 2007

**MS LEE LONG MP** asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (**MR PITT**) -

With reference to the new Transition Centre in Mareeba, will he advise on its progress including:

- (a) has a property for the Base Camp been secured,
- (b) how many staff have been employed,
- (c) the number of participants who have used the facility and in what areas, and
- (d) how many participants are expected to benefit from its activities over the next 12 months?

**ANSWER:**

Property acquisition options for the permanent operational base for the Northern Outlook are currently under detailed investigation and will be announced when finalised.

A recruitment process for permanent staff appointments has commenced. Currently six full time staff are employed on the project.

To date 57 young people have participated in five programs. The young people came from Innisfail, Mareeba and Cairns. One program was held at Tinaroo Dam and the other four at bush venues around Cairns.

It is estimated that 360 young people will participate in programs over the next 12 months.