

Question on Notice

No. 794

Asked on Tuesday, 24 May 2007

On Thursday, 24 May 2007, MRS STUCKEY MP, Member for Currumbin asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (Mr Pitt) –

With reference to the Government's response to the Carter Report which was released on 22 May 2007—

- (1) What is the breakdown by program and sub-program of the \$113m allocated over four years to implement the initiatives?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated to setting up the Queensland Centre in Positive Behaviour Support?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated to the recruitment and salary of the 'high profile and highly regarded practitioner' to lead the Centre?
- (4) How does his department plan to manage the international recruitment drive to ensure all applicants are indeed qualified?

ANSWER:

(1) and (2)

The \$113 million over four years is allocated as follows:

- The legislative framework for the regulation of restrictive practices is allocated \$0.23 million in Year 1 and \$1.33 million in each of Years 2 to 4.
- The Positive Behaviour Support system is allocated \$3.39 million in Year 1, \$7.10 million in Year 2, \$11.41 million in Year 3 and \$10.30 million in Year 4.
- The Centre for Best Practice allocation is \$1.52 million in Year 1, \$2.48 million in Year 2, \$3.37 million in Year 3 and \$2.79 million in Year 4.
- The allocation for the program of purpose built accommodation and direct support costs for the beds provided through this program amount to \$7.89 million in Year 1, \$10.51 million in Year 2, \$24.00 million in Year 3 and \$24.29 million in Year 4.

(3)

The budgeted salary for the Centre leader is up to \$186 046 in Year 1 (including recruitment costs). This salary is allocated in order to attract candidates with the highly specialised practitioner and academic skills and experience sought for the position.

(4)

The international strategy will be managed through the development of clear role profiles, including mandatory requirements such as appropriate tertiary qualifications and eligibility to work within Australia.

Candidates will be required to apply for and be granted an appropriate employer sponsored visa to work in Australia, professional registration in Queensland and will need to provide suitable documentation to satisfy criminal history checking requirements.

The department will also follow and utilise the selection techniques laid out in the Office of the Public Service Commissioner *Recruitment and Selection Directive 04/06*.