

**Question on Notice
No. 829
Asked on Tuesday 5 June 2007**

MR MALONE asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to post prison support—

(1) How much money has been allocated to post prison support in 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date)?

(2) How many correction staff were allocated to parole supervision and other post prison services in 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date)?

ANSWER:

(1)

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) provides funding to a range of non-Government organisations for the provision of Offender Services and The Post Release Employment Assistance Program (PREAP) is funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations and administered by QCS. It has both pre and post-release components. Figures provided are for a total amount allocated to the PREAP program per annum.

Offender Services include the provision of assistance with obtaining identification, assistance with accommodation and assistance with accessing emergency funding (e.g. Centrelink Crisis Payment). It also includes the specific categories of Indigenous services, Chaplaincy services and Visitor Transport Services. Records are not kept on what proportion of service is delivered pre-release or post-release. Figures provided are for a total amount of funded service provision per annum.

Figures are also provided for the 1997 – 1998 financial year for when the National and Liberal Party Government funded similar programs that were then classified as “State Prisoner Aid.”

Today’s 2007-08 amount of \$3 479, 000.00 is almost than four times the figure of \$874, 000.00 funded by the National and Liberal Party Government.

Financial year	Total (GST Exclusive)
1997 - 1998	\$874, 000.00
2003 – 2004	\$1 829, 000.00
2004 – 2005	\$2 740, 000.00
2005 – 2006	\$2 827, 000.00
2006 - 2007	\$2 929, 000.00
2007 - 2008	\$3 479, 000.00

(2)

Based on the FTES that were given to QCORR at the split from QCSC, and noting that the figure also includes overheads which are not included in the other financial periods, the staffing allocated to supervise parole and other post prison services in 97/98 was approximately 299.

Today there are 550 FTE positions. This is an increase of almost half, 251, from 1997-98 when the program was administered by the National and Liberal parties, and an increase of almost 100 from last year alone.

Financial year	Staffing allocated to parole supervision and other post prison services (full time equivalents)
1997 - 1998	299
2003 – 2004	430
2004 – 2005	427
2005 – 2006	457
2006 - 2007	550