

Question on Notice
No. 878
Asked on 6 June 2007

MR KEN HAYWARD MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MS BOYLE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Referral for Active Intervention Program which is being established in the Caboolture shire—

- (1) How will this program assist constituents of the Kallangur electorate?
- (2) Who will be operating the program and how much funding was provided?

ANSWER:

I would like to thank the Member for Kallangur for highlighting the Referral for Active Intervention, or more commonly called RAI services, which has been established as a result of the recommendations of the Crime and Misconduct Commission's *'Protecting Children: An Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Foster Care'* report.

In the 2005-2006 financial year, \$8.5M was provided by the Department of Communities to establish ten RAI services across the state. The priority target group for these services is families with children aged 0 to 8 years who are at risk or have had involvement with the statutory child protection system, namely the Department of Child Safety. All referrals to the RAI services are made by the Department of Child Safety.

Mission Australia Incorporated was successful in obtaining \$890,000 recurrently to establish the Caboolture, Deception Bay and Redcliffe RAI service which spans the Kallangur, Pumicestone, Glasshouse and Redcliffe electorates.

This RAI service has been operating since October 2006 from offices at Caboolture and Deception Bay. It provides intensive family support comprising a range of interventions including in home visits, modelling effective parenting and teaching parents to provide safe nurturing environments for their children.

These interventions are provided in partnership with a broad range of local agencies and non-government organisations. Of the total funding received by the service annually, \$160,000 may be used as brokerage to purchase specialist services for families to assist them to meet their case plan goals.