

## Question on Notice

No. 1828

Asked on Wednesday, 26 November 2008

**MR HAYWARD** asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth (**MS NELSON-CARR**) –

What funding, if any, has been provided to community groups in the Kallangur Electorate under the Family Support Program or any similar programs?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Communities provides families and community groups in the Kallangur electorate significant support through the Family Support Program and a range of other program areas.

Total departmental recurrent funding in the Kallangur electorate is approximately \$700 000, from the Family Support, Homelessness and Child Care program areas. This funding assists community groups in providing needed services to families, children and individuals.

Of this amount, more than \$300 000 is provided under the Family Support Program, to provide direct support and assistance to families and the community through prevention and early intervention services. Vital support for families and individuals is provided through therapeutic interventions, counselling, conflict resolution, parenting education, life skills, advice and referrals when needed, housing and supports to stay in housing, material support when needed and also emergency relief through local services funded by the Department of Communities.

The Kallangur electorate also receives significant outreach services from a number of funded non-government organisations located in the Caboolture area. More than \$3 million of capital investment has been provided to establish an Early Years Centre in Caboolture with satellite services in Woodford, Narangba and Deception Bay. The satellite service in Narangba provides prevention and early intervention services to families with young children, offering parents easy access to a wide range of services including child care, play groups, health referral services and family support.

In addition, the Referral for Active Intervention service, based in Caboolture, provides outreach services in the Kallangur electorate, to improve the safety and well-being of vulnerable children and their families, particularly by minimising progression through the statutory child protection system.

The support needs of families and children in the Kallangur electorate are being addressed through a comprehensive service system established through significant funding from the Department of Communities.