

**Question on Notice  
No. 420  
Asked on Thursday, 13 March 2008.**

MRS JANN STUCKEY asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Women (MRS KEECH)

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**QUESTION:**

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1753 of 2007 and her response, which mentioned ten non-government service providers delivering treatment programs for children who exhibit sexually abusive behaviour—

- (1) Will she provide a list of who these providers are?
- (2) How much funding does the Queensland Government provide to these services (reported separately)?
- (3) What specific services do these providers offer to children who exhibit sexually abusive behaviour?"

**ANSWER:**

Child protection remains a priority for the Bligh Government.

The Government has approved funding of \$1.97 million in 2007-08 to the following 10 non-government service providers to deliver sexual abuse counselling services to children and young people who are in care or at risk of coming into care and who have been victims of sexual abuse:

Barambah Regional Medical Services (\$85,088); Sunshine Cooloola Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Program (\$455,462); Abused Child Trust – Family Assist Sexual Abuse Counselling Program (\$207,205); Gold Coast Child and Youth Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (\$82,519); Phoenix House (\$308,179); Kids Intervention and Prevention Program (\$140,313); Kids Intervention and Prevention Program – Family Support (\$66,163); Mercy Family Services - Toowoomba Sexual Abuse Counselling Program (\$207,202); Life Community Care – HOPE Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (\$207,207); Abused Child Trust – Family Assist Sexual Abuse Counselling Program (\$207,106).

In addition to supporting children who are victims of sexual abuse, the non-government service providers also provide specialist individualised counselling responses and therapeutic support interventions to children under 12 years who display sexualised or early sexual offending behaviour.

The Department also provides counselling to children and young people subject to child protection intervention who have been sexually abused through its own Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (SACS) based at Woolloongabba.

The Bligh Government provides therapeutic counselling and behaviour support services to children who exhibit sexualised behaviour through specialist services offered by the Evolve Interagency Services initiative funded by the Department.