

Question on Notice

No. 1216

Asked on Tuesday 15 September 2009

MRS SCOTT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MS STRUTHERS)—

Will the Minister outline any new youth initiatives planned for Logan City?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities currently allocates funds totalling \$3,385,938 per annum to seven organisations to support young people in Logan City.

Under the Queensland Investment Plan to reduce homelessness, a new youth initiative is planned for Logan.

This initiative will be aimed at young people aged 16 to 25 years, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and are engaged in full time education or training activities. They will be accommodated in a building complex of 22 studio apartments in Logan Central, located close to public transport, high schools, TAFE, university and government agencies. This initiative will provide supports to these young people to undertake their education and training activities.

In addition, funding of \$500,000 per annum will be provided for an accommodation support service.

Local organisations which are known to provide effective youth support services were invited to submit applications for the initiative prior to the end of September. Once a successful applicant organisation is identified from the selection process now underway, the new service is scheduled to commence operation in late October 2009.