

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1645**  
**Asked on 29 October 2009**

MR MCARDLE asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health (MR LUCAS)-

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the budget for tobacco control for 2009-2010 under the headings (a) tobacco control social marketing (including Quit Campaigns, Quit Partnership, Feeling Good Campaign, support for local prevention activities), (b) Quitline: Indigenous smoking strategies (including SmokeCheck and Event Support Program), (c) tobacco legislation and enforcement (including the Tobacco Control Investigation Team, enforcement and compliance positions and activities) and (d) Queensland Health Smoking Management Policy?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Honourable Member for Caloundra for his question.

The current budget for tobacco control in 2009-2010 is \$7.3M. This is a four-fold increase on the amount allocated in 2003/04.

Queensland is leading the nation with the toughest anti-smoking laws in the country including smoking bans for indoor and outdoor public places, as well tough restrictions on retail advertising, display and promotion of tobacco products. From 1 January 2010, Queensland's tobacco laws will be even tougher. Recent amendments to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998*, passed by the Parliament on 29 October 2009, will:

- ban smoking in cars with children under 16 years present;
- enable local governments to regulate smoking in outdoor pedestrian malls and at public transport waiting points; and
- extend the meaning of 'smoking product' to include smoking related products, such as cigarette rollers, tubes and filters.

According to the National Drugs Household Survey Adult smoking rate of prevalence in 2004 to 2007 in Queensland dropped from 19.8% to 17.2% which is a 2% points which was the largest reduction of any Australian jurisdiction for that period. The latest Queensland Health figures in 2009 show that the adult prevalence has dropped further to 15.7%.