

Question on Notice

No. 1769

Asked on Wednesday, 11 November 2009

Mr SPRINGBORG asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program (QIADP) in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 –

- (1) What is the total funding allocation to the QIADP (reported by year)?
- (2) How many offenders were referred to QIADP (reported by year)?
- (3) How many participants failed to complete the QIADP (reported by year)?

ANSWER:

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General received \$2.9M for the three year pilot Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program. Funding approved as part of the 2006-07 budget was comprised of output and equity funding of \$0.17 million in 2006/07, \$0.942 million in 2007/08, \$0.903 million in 2008/09 and \$0.909 million in 2009/10. An independent evaluation is currently being conducted.

In addition to QIADP, the Department has implemented a range of diversionary courts that address alcohol and drug dependency including the Drug Court; Illicit Drug Court Diversion Program; Queensland Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (QMERIT) and the Special Circumstances Court Diversion Program (formerly the Homeless Persons Court Diversion Program).

During 2007/08 128 treatment plans were endorsed for clients by Queensland Health under the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program, of which 61 clients were discharged after commencement. During 2008/09 153 treatment plans were endorsed for clients by Queensland Health under the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program, of which 91 clients were discharged after commencement.

Clients are discharged by either voluntarily withdrawing from treatment or by the Magistrate due to non-compliance with the program's requirements. Clients who are discharged are re-sentenced in the Magistrates Court.