

Question on Notice
No. 1811
Asked on 12 November 2009

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the needle syringe program at Palm Beach for the period 31 October 2008 to 31 October 2009—

- (1) How many clients has this facility serviced (listed separately by month)?
- (2) How many needles have been issued by this facility (listed separately by month)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable member for Currumbin for her question.

The Bligh Government provides \$80,000 per annum for the Needle Syringe Program at the Palm Beach Community Health Centre. This funding provides sterile injecting equipment, education and information on reducing drug use, and referral to other appropriate services.

The numbers of clients and needles issued by the facility for the period requested are as follows:

2008		
Month	Number of Clients	Number of Needles
October	302	11,290
November	277	11,192
December	364	19,392
2009		
January	156	4,999
February	189	8,211
March	353	10,673
April	181	6,441
May	259	12,586
June	570	28,706
July	333	24,217
August	322	23,760
September	340	18,486
October	442	31, 525