

Question on Notice

No. 1821

Asked on Thursday 12 November 2009

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

Will the Minister report on the successful program at the Youth Justice Service in Logan?

ANSWER:

The Logan Youth Justice Service Centre utilises existing networks to link young people with community agencies to access services and supports to benefit their long term development.

The Queensland Government through the Department of Communities funds two core programs which are available to young people who have offended: Aggression Replacement Therapy; and Changing Habits and Reaching Targets. These programs encourage young people to engage in self-reflection, develop self-awareness and change inappropriate behaviours.

The Logan Youth Justice Service Centre has successfully facilitated one Aggression Replacement Therapy program with six young people graduating.

The Changing Habits and Reaching Targets program is delivered to young people where it is considered that the program is an appropriate intervention program for a young person assessed as requiring moderate to high intervention. The program is provided during the young person's reporting session. Fourteen young people are currently participating in the Changing Habits and Reaching Targets program.

Logan Youth Justice Service Centre staff also work proactively with young people in their homes to encourage parental participation and the community to assist in reintegrating them into their community. The Government believes that effective intervention requires family involvement and is more effectively delivered within a community setting.