

Question on Notice

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Asked on 25 March 2010

MRS MENKENS asked the Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (MS STRUTHERS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the total expenditure (including lists by program and expenditure type, number of funding recipients, and regional breakdown) for all services for homelessness (excluding housing)?

ANSWER

Over \$200 million has been funded through the Homelessness National Partnership Agreement. The Commonwealth and State Governments are undertaking the biggest ever investment in homelessness services.

In 2009–10, total grant funding of more than \$81 million has been allocated to a number of services across Queensland. Funded services include 211 accommodation and support services for people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, 13 early intervention services for people whose current housing is at risk, two State-wide coordination services and eight services providing supported accommodation to enable people to participate in the Drug Court and Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion programs. A further \$1.01 million was allocated to Smart Services Queensland to deliver the State-wide Homeless Persons Information Queensland telephone information and referral service.

Services are provided for a range of target groups including families (32 services), women and women with children escaping domestic violence (52), young people (73) and services that support single men, single women or more than one target group.

Funding and Services by Region

- The Brisbane region had \$25.9 million allocated to 65 services. Key target groups include young people, families and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Central Queensland had \$9.3 million allocated to 30 services, including two early intervention services and 24 crisis accommodation and support services. Key target groups include families, young people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Far North Queensland had \$9.9 million allocated to 28 services. Key target groups include women and women with children escaping domestic violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and young people.
- North Queensland had \$16 million allocated to 42 services. Key target groups include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women and women with children escaping domestic violence and young people.
- North Coast had \$5.2 million allocated to 19 services, including two early intervention services and 16 crisis accommodation and support services. Key target groups include young people, families and women and women with children escaping domestic violence.
- South East region had \$8.7 million allocated to 29 services. Key target groups include young people, families and women and women with children escaping domestic violence.
- South West region had \$6.4 million allocated to 23 services. Target groups include young people, families, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and women and women with children escaping domestic violence.