

Question on Notice

No. 285

Asked on 22 March 2011

MS GRACE asked the Minister for Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (MR PITT)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what HACC funding has been made available to organisations within my electorate of Brisbane Central and how this vital funding will assist Queenslanders in need?

ANSWER

Home and Community Care is a far-reaching program which can deliver great benefits for a wide range of Queenslanders to help ensure people can remain living independently for as long as possible in their own homes and communities.

Home and Community Care program delivers vital community services to frail aged and younger people with a disability by providing a range of basic support and maintenance services. Support is also provided to people eligible in their role as carers.

In the Brisbane Central electorate in 2010–11, the Queensland Government has provided funding of \$9.98 million for the direct service delivery of Home and Community Care through non-government service providers.

In February 2011, a further \$1.3 million in Home and Community Care funding was made available to Brisbane Central organisations for one-off service delivery or special projects, including consumer consultations and smart assistive technology.

On top of that funding, \$1.2 million in capital grants has been invested in service providers located in Brisbane Central to be used for the construction and modification of buildings, education resources and replacement of vehicles.

Furthermore, in recognition of the recent natural disasters across the State, all Home and Community Care service providers have been contacted and advised that existing processes have been amended to allow the reprioritisation of any surplus Home and Community Care funding to meet costs associated with disaster recovery, including the provision of additional services and replacement of capital items.

Home and Community Care supports the Queensland Government's *Towards Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* vision of supporting safe and caring communities.

I thank the Member for her strong support for this important Government initiative.