

**Question on Notice
No. 329
Asked on 1 May 2013**

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Charters Towers Eventide Patients Trust, will the Minister (a) advise the present balance of the fund, including interest and (b) provide an itemised account of the amount of this fund which was distributed to Eventide residents in 2011-12?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Dalrymple for his question.

I am advised that the total balance of the Patient Trust Fund is approximately \$616,000. As I indicated in my response to Question on Notice No. 52 dated 14 February 2013, the interest from these funds are consolidated and transferred to the General Trust fund for resident amenities.

Based upon the recommendations put forward by the residents at Eventide to improve their quality of life, the funds are utilised for the benefit of the patients and residents and these funds are used on items such as:

- Equipment, electrical appliances and furniture to improve comfort and quality of life for patients and residents, and not normally expected to be provided by the facility;
- Patients' Trust Fund bank fees and charges;
- Small gifts for residents at special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, birthdays etc.;
- Computers and software;
- Pay TV, hire or purchase of television sets, VCRs, videos, CD players, CDs and the like;
- Haircuts, personal care items where deemed necessary;
- Outings, social activities and gatherings, photographs, entertainment, craft activities;
- Books, journals, newspapers, library materials etc.;
- Items to improve surroundings for residents such as prints, pot plants, flowers etc.; and
- Pet therapy costs, e.g. pet food, veterinary costs.