

**Question on Notice
No. 672
Asked on 12 September 2013**

MRS FRECKLINGTON asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain how the Home and Community Care funding is distributed through Queensland Health in the South Burnett areas and which organisations provide these services?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nanango for her question.

In accordance with State and Commonwealth agreement, there are two funding sources for Home and Community Care (HACC) services. The Commonwealth Government through the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA) funds all HACC eligible clients who are aged 65 years of age or older or who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander aged 50 or older. The State Government through the Department of Communities (DoC) funds HACC eligible clients who are under 65 years old or who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and under 50 years old. Within the scope of the HACC program, there are some 18 service types that are funded by both departments. These include, but are not limited to, domestic assistance, personal care, respite, transport, centre based day care etc.

Both DOHA and DoC enter into individual contracts with service providers to deliver HACC services. These services are delivered in accordance with the requirements of each specific contract with targeted annual outputs, defined by client numbers and hours of service for each contracted service type.

In the South Burnett area, the service providers include Centre Care, Blue Care, South Burnett Care, St Mary's Home Care and Meals on Wheels and the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS). The DDHHS is contracted by both the DoC and DOHA to provide specified services and outputs across the DDHHS service area. The DDHHS South Burnett service is funded to provide programs to:

- 289 Clients for 11,907 hours of service against Domestic Assistance (Commonwealth); and
- 51 clients for 2,101 hours of service against Domestic Assistance (State).