

Question on Notice
No. 777
Asked on 30 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of all jobs lost from community organisations that provided health services on behalf of the State Government as a result of reductions in funding from the department, for 2012-13 and 2013-14 (to date) (listed separately by year and organisation)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Bundamba for her question.

Contemporary and accepted practice in the funding of community service organisations is that government invests in the delivery of outcomes that align with government priorities and community need. Community organisations are not funded on an input-basis for specific positions or jobs, and accordingly the department does not maintain such data. This method of funding would limit the ability of community organisations to respond to the needs of the vulnerable consumers and communities they serve. Instead, funding is provided through service agreements to deliver outputs and outcomes for specified and prioritised target groups in the community.