

Question on Notice
No. 166
Asked on 18 March 2014

MS D'ATH asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the joint Queensland Health and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services audit of the Regional Community Association Moreton Bay (RCAMB)—

Will the Minister (a) provide a detailed update on the progress of this audit, (b) provide the final report, if completed and (c) advise whether any charges have been laid as a result of this audit?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Redcliffe for her question.

The Department of Health did undertake a joint review with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services of the Regional Community Association of Moreton Bay (RCAMB) for the purposes of assessing compliance of RCAMB with the Service Agreement. A primary concern has always been that RCAMB needed to meet the accountability requirements of Queensland Health's Service Agreement under which funding was received to deliver mental health services in Redcliffe.

I announced in Parliament House on 19 March 2013, over a year ago, that the Department of Health had suspended payments to RCAMB. On 25 June 2013, the Department of Health terminated RCAMB's Service Agreement after the organisation failed to satisfactorily respond to a show cause letter.

I am advised that the RCAMB issued a media statement on 2 April 2013 stating that the organisation was insolvent and making application for wind-up.

When RCAMB closed its doors unexpectedly on 2 April 2013, Queensland Health ensured that former clients of RCAMB continued to receive mental health services. These services have been ongoing. Improved performance and the delivery of essential frontline services to the people of Redcliffe has always been a key priority for this Government.

In relation to the question regarding charges laid, I would refer the Honourable Member to the Crime and Misconduct Commission which I understand announced for the public record on 24 April 2013, the commencement of a co-operative misconduct investigation with the Queensland Police Service into allegations against Mr Scott Driscoll.