

Question on Notice
No. 989
Asked on 14 October 2015

MR KING asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK)—

Will the Minister advise how the Queensland Mental Health Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Action Plan 2015-2017 benefits my electorate of Kallangur?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Kallangur for his question.

The Queensland Government is committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of all Queenslanders as well as reducing the impact of lower levels of wellbeing and mental illness.

The *Queensland Mental Health Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Action Plan 2015-17* (the Action Plan) is a whole-of-government approach with 16 Government agencies committed to over 90 actions. The Action Plan focuses on supporting Queenslanders to: *Start Well; Develop and Learn Well; Work Well; Live Well; and Age Well.*

This is a state-wide plan and the people of Kallangur, like the people of each electorate in Queensland, will benefit. The types of initiatives that will have a significant impact for all Queenslanders include:

- increasing access to, and participation in, early childhood programs, particularly among disadvantaged children
- enhancing intensive family support services to support the best possible early development, particularly for children and families with complex needs
- continued provision of specialist Perinatal and Infant Mental Health services
- trialling universal access to the Triple P Positive Parenting program to build the capacity and confidence of all Queensland parents
- the continuation and expansion of the Queensland Ed-LinQ initiative, a program that seeks to improve linkages between education, primary health and mental health services to ensure young people receive integrated and appropriate support as early as possible
- providing ongoing financial support to *beyondblue* to improve community awareness and understanding of mental health across Queensland
- developing a Mental Health at Work Action Plan to address psychological injury and mental health in the workplace
- increasing opportunities for people living with mental illness to gain employment through social enterprises
- developing a strategy to support the wellbeing and inclusion of older people in Queensland.

Further information on the Action Plan can be sourced on the Queensland Mental Health Commission website www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/.