

Question on Notice
No. 1688
Asked on 15 September 2016

MR PEGG asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK) –

With reference to the recommendations made in ‘When mental health care meets risk: A Queensland sentinel events review into homicide and public sector mental health services’—

Will the Minister advise which recommendations of this report have been accepted by the Palaszczuk Government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Stretton for his question.

As the Member would be aware, in May last year, I announced a statewide clinical review of mental health sentinel events to review our mental health system and make recommendations to improve it. The aim of the review was to identify how the government’s systems and practices could be improved to prevent homicides and other fatalities involving people with a mental illness.

I tabled the report from the review in Parliament on 14 September 2016. The review committee made 11 key findings and 63 recommendations regarding improvements in mental health strategic policy and clinical practice.

I can inform the Member that the Government has accepted, in principle, all 63 recommendations of the report. Work has already commenced on implementing the recommendations, with some requiring further planning, consultation and collaboration across multiple agencies.

I am confident the outcomes of the report will help ensure our services and systems are operating as best they can.