

Question on Notice

No. 1057

Asked on 4 September 2018

MR M HUNT asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise why funding has been cut from the ‘Changing Violent Behaviours Program’ on the Sunshine Coast and moved to mental health, with a reduction in participants, and what are the future plans for this successful program?

ANSWER

I am advised that funding has not been cut from the Changing Violent Behaviours Program (the Behaviours Program) and that there has been no reduction in participant numbers based on the initial pilot.

The Behaviours Program was established as a pilot on the Sunshine Coast in 2015. It was intended that this pilot would be reviewed and evaluated to inform ongoing and future service delivery. The aim of the Behaviours Program was to provide assessment and treatment for people with anger management issues that were referred to Queensland Health by Police and Courts.

The Behaviours Program was recently transitioned to Mental Health and Addiction Services on the Sunshine Coast. This is in keeping with appropriate and consistent alcohol and other drug treatment clinical governance across Queensland Health Hospital and Health Services.