

## Question on Notice

No. 802

Asked on 14 June 2018

**MR D JANETZKI** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

### QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise (reported separately by centre) (a) the specific budget allocations to individual community legal centres for 2017-18 and (b) how this compares with the amount allocated to these centres in 2015-16 and 2016-17?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba South for his question.

Since the implementation of Queensland's legal assistance model in 2013, Queensland has become a national leader in its approach to planning for and delivering legal assistance services.

The Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$61.2 million of Queensland and Commonwealth funding over 2017-20 to community organisations to provide free or low-cost legal services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Queenslanders.

Queensland and Commonwealth funding allocations to deliver legal assistance services over 2017-20 were determined through two robust procurement processes undertaken in 2017. While maintaining probity around these processes, the Palaszczuk Government is open and transparent about the amount of funding allocated to each community organisation for the delivery of services.

Funding allocations to individual organisations over 2017-20 are published online on the Queensland Government website and in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's annual report. The previous triennial funding cycle allocations (2014-17) are also available online at: [www.qld.gov.au/law/legal-mediation-and-justice-of-the-peace/legal-advice-and-investment/legal-investment/legal-assistance-service-investment/investment-in-legal-assistance-services-2017-20](http://www.qld.gov.au/law/legal-mediation-and-justice-of-the-peace/legal-advice-and-investment/legal-investment/legal-assistance-service-investment/investment-in-legal-assistance-services-2017-20) and in the Department's annual reports which are also available at: [www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/publications/annual-report](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/publications/annual-report).

In addition to funding administered by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General the Seniors Legal and Support Service (SLASS) is funded through an allocation from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors.

Temporary additional grants of funding from the Federal Government have also been made to individual community legal centres for specific additional services, such as the women's safety package, which expires on 30 June 2019.