

Question on Notice

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QUESTION

Will the Minister detail the Community Services subprogram funding for individuals for 2017-18 and 2018-19 (reported separately by financial year) and further include the difference in funding between these years and an explanation as to why there is a difference between the years?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government invests in programs to support the changing needs of Queenslanders as part of our commitment to building Thriving Queensland Communities.

As outlined in the table below, Community Services - Individuals programs investment increased by over \$2 million this financial year to bring total funding for 2018-19 to over \$35 million.

Individuals Programs	2017-18	2018-19	Movement
Bundaberg Men's Shed	-	200,000	200,000
Donations and Requests	-	180,000	180,000
Financial Literacy - Emergency Relief	1,982,299	2,021,936	39,637
Gambling Help Services	5,676,955	5,926,632	249,677
Generalist Counselling	1,357,102	1,430,662	73,560
Financial Literacy - Financial Counselling, Good Money Stores, Statewide Coordination	5,049,481	4,726,745	(322,736)
Public Intoxication	14,935,914	15,741,843	805,929
Resource Recovery & Distribution-Resource Security	-	920,081	920,081
Resource Recovery & Distribution-School Breakfast	275,000	275,000	-
Safe Night Precinct Support	3,680,000	3,586,744	(93,256)
Individuals	32,956,751	35,009,643	2,052,892

The Financial Literacy and Resilience program (Financial Counselling, Good Money Stores, Statewide Coordination) was provided one-off costs to set up the Good Money Stores in 2017-18. This funding was not required in 2018-19.

The change in the Safe Night Precinct program budget between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 is due to an efficiency in service delivery. In 2018-19, there was an opportunity to re-contract service provision for two locations to another existing service provider. Efficiencies were achieved with no reduction in service provision.