

Question on Notice

No. 1195

Asked on 27 October 2022

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

With reference to Post Adoption Support Queensland—

Will the Minister detail (reported separately by year) since its creation in 2009 (a) the funding provided to this service and (b) if available, the number of persons assisted through this service?

ANSWER

The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Support Queensland (PASQ) service commenced in 2009, providing services to people affected by adoption in Queensland, including people who have been adopted, and parents, siblings, partners and others separated from family by adoption. The services provided include:

- counselling across adoption-related issues for individuals, couples and families;
- intermediary services that offer a third-party professional to help with the searching and reunion of adopted people and their birth families. This includes approaching birth relatives and providing support around having contact;
- therapeutic groups and retreats to increase wellbeing and connection to community and access to information and resources; and
- provision of support to professionals to understand the impacts of adoption.

Prior to October 2018, Post Adoption Support Counselling contracts were held by the former Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, therefore earlier data is not held by the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs.

a) Funding provided to the service by year:

Service Name	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Benevolent Society - Post Adoption Support	\$567,837	\$592,588	\$610,328	\$619,488	\$650,890
Benevolent Society Adoption Family Tracing Service	\$41,125	\$76,850	\$78,678	\$79,858	\$83,907
	\$608,962	\$669,438	\$689,006	\$699,346	\$734,797

b) The number of clients assisted with counselling, information, advice and referral services:

Years	Post Adoption Support Counselling – count of client numbers	Information, Advice and Referral – count of client numbers	Adoption Family Tracing - Service Users with improved capacity
October 2018 - June 2019*	561	743	81
July 2019 - June 2020	745	967	433
July 2020 - June 2021	753	911	725
July 2021- June 2022	705	709	518
2022-2023 (July - Sept)	274	147	75

* Contract commenced 1 January 2019