

Question on Notice

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DR A MACMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) how much has been raised to date from the Mental Health Levy and provide (b) an itemised list of where this funding has been allocated?

ANSWER

In January 2023, a mental health levy on large employers (or groups of employers) was implemented to provide a sustainable funding source to improve mental health, alcohol and other drug services and for a range of initiatives to improve the suicide prevention system of care and support.

Specific questions relating the revenue forecast or revenue to date should be directed to the Treasurer.

In 2022-23, the State Budget allocation for mental health, alcohol and other drug services was \$119.8 million to deliver initiatives including:

- two new Head to Health Kids services, new child and youth acute response teams, and additional specialist forensic child and youth mental health services for young people in contact with the youth justice system,
- eight new state-wide public specialist inpatient, mother baby beds at 'Catherine's House,'
- new and expanded QAS Mental Health Co-responder teams that pair experienced mental health clinicians with paramedics to resolve mental health crises in the community,
- boost state-wide support for eating disorders at eating disorder specialist services, including boost to Queensland Eating Disorders Service (QuEDS) for state-wide service development and coordination, workforce education and training across Queensland,
- boost eight existing Crisis Support Spaces that provide peer and clinical support to people in mental health crisis as an alternative or adjunct to emergency department care,

- commence establishment of four new Crisis Support Spaces in Bundaberg, Redlands, Logan and Sunshine Coast University Hospitals,
- YouTurn to deliver postvention support to all people in Queensland who are bereaved or impacted by suicide.

In 2023-24, \$301.4 million will continue delivering mental health, alcohol and other drug services which includes:

- \$47.9 million – Boost to community alcohol and other drugs treatment services and specialist alcohol and other drugs responses in Emergency Departments and hospital settings, and the capacity of the statewide telephone and online service Adis, providing 24/7 drug and alcohol support.
- \$47 million – children adolescents and young people including new and existing Acute Response Teams for children and adolescents experiencing mental health crisis or at risk of suicide.
- \$15.9 million for six new crisis support spaces and enhancing existing crisis support spaces for people in mental health crisis and at risk of suicide.
- \$11.4 million – improved mental health services for First Nations people. Includes establishing a child and youth mental health team and boosting the First Nations adult mental health team at Inala
- \$7.3 million - two new eating disorder services (Metro South and Darling Downs/West Moreton) and enhance existing eating disorder services (Townsville, Cairns, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast).
- \$4 million - two new Mental Health Hospital in The Home services at Gold Coast and West Moreton.
- \$1.4 million - additional perinatal and infant mental health nurses in Darling Downs, Torres and Cape, Townsville, West Moreton, Central Queensland, Mackay, Metro South and Wide Bay.
- These roles enhance community-based treatment, care and support, and provide linkage to early intervention community support programs for new parents.

The full list of initiatives and highlights, access the Annual Progress update here: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/better-care-together>.