

## Question on Notice

No. 1311

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**MS A CAMM** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON Y D'ATH)

### QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General provide the total government funding per region (reported separately by state and federal) for sexual violence specialist services in Queensland by year for the last five years?

### ANSWER:

The total funding allocated by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General per region (both State and Commonwealth) for sexual violence specialist services, for the last five years is outlined in Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

In line with the department's investment specifications, this funding area includes sexual violence counselling and system support - prevention, capacity building and awareness raising. In Table 1, the 2023-24 State funded allocations column also includes funding allocated in response to the Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing in Queensland.

**Table 1 - State funded allocations to sexual violence specialist services\***

Region	2019-20 \$'M	2020-21 \$'M	2021-22 \$'M	2022-23 \$'M	2023-24 \$'M
Far North Queensland	\$0.924	\$0.909	\$1.761	\$1.990	\$2.320
Northern Region	\$0.809	\$0.837	\$1.559	\$1.686	\$2.390
Central Queensland	\$1.029	\$1.427	\$1.014	\$1.102	\$1.247
Outback Queensland	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.395	\$0.654	\$0.791
Mackay-Whitsunday	\$0.469	\$0.397	\$0.520	\$0.584	\$0.685
Wide Bay	\$0.729	\$0.844	\$1.067	\$1.134	\$1.289
Sunshine Coast	\$0.657	\$0.678	\$0.782	\$1.345	\$1.481
Moreton Bay	\$0.486	\$0.375	\$0.507	\$0.533	\$0.564
Darling Downs	\$0.707	\$0.754	\$0.302	\$0.446	\$0.676
Brisbane	\$2.186	\$2.386	\$2.925	\$3.956	\$4.657
Ipswich	\$0.301	\$0.388	\$1.179	\$1.308	\$1.475
Logan	\$0.727	\$0.752	\$1.070	\$1.130	\$1.346
Gold Coast	\$1.093	\$1.124	\$1.203	\$1.338	\$1.631
<b>Total - State</b>	<b>\$10.117</b>	<b>\$10.871</b>	<b>\$14.284</b>	<b>\$17.206</b>	<b>\$20.552</b>

\*While Total State funding has increased each year, fluctuations between the years are dependent upon service contract terms, and changes to regional classifications from 2021-22 resulting from the implementation of a new contract management system.

**Table 2 - Commonwealth funded allocations to sexual violence specialist services\***

<b>Region</b>	<b>2019-20 \$'M</b>	<b>2020-21 \$'M</b>	<b>2021-22 \$'M</b>	<b>2022-23 \$'M</b>	<b>2023-24 \$'M</b>
Far North Queensland		\$0.159	\$0.281	\$0.313	\$0.313
Northern Region		\$0.143	\$0.263	\$0.313	\$0.313
Central Queensland		\$0.063	\$0.141	\$0.156	\$0.156
Mackay-Whitsunday		\$0.040	\$0.090	\$0.100	\$0.100
Wide Bay		\$0.080	\$0.230	\$0.287	\$0.300
Sunshine Coast		\$0.075	\$0.263	\$0.300	\$0.300
Moreton Bay		\$0.075	\$0.075	\$0.075	\$0.075
Darling Downs		\$0.090	\$0.203	\$0.225	\$0.225
Brisbane		\$0.563	\$1.031	\$0.998	\$0.968
Ipswich		\$0.050	\$0.206	\$0.313	\$0.313
Logan		\$0.063	\$0.141	\$0.156	\$0.156
Gold Coast		\$0.075	\$0.169	\$0.188	\$0.188
<b>Total - Commonwealth</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1.476</b>	<b>\$3.093</b>	<b>\$3.424</b>	<b>\$3.407</b>

*\*Includes funding allocated from the COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses National Partnership and the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27 National Partnership*

In addition to funding for sexual violence specialist services outlined in Tables 1 and 2, the Department funds women's health and wellbeing services to deliver a range of supports, including for people who have experienced sexual violence. In 2023-24, \$9.048 million in State funding has been allocated for those services.

The Department is also actively pursuing crucial initiatives to address youth sexual violence and abuse throughout Queensland. In 2023-24, State funding of \$3.9 million has been allocated for the Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse Program, focusing on five priority locations: Rockhampton, Gladstone, Moreton Bay, South Burnett, and Toowoomba. Additionally, these funds will support the continuation of three place-based trials aimed at responding to young individuals who have encountered sexual violence or are exhibiting early signs of sexual offending behaviour.

Through the Victim Services Funding Program, the Department also invests over \$3 million per annum across six victim services to support victims of violent crime including victims of sexual violence.