

Question on Notice

No. 222

Asked on 16 March 2023

MR T NICHOLLS asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide a funding breakdown for early intervention programs funded by Youth Justice (reported separately by region and year) for the last five years?

ANSWER

Early intervention is one of the four pillars identified by Mr Bob Atkinson AO APM as part of the reform agenda in *The Working Together Changing the Story; Youth Justice Strategy 2019-2023*.

Evidence tells us that keeping communities safe in the long term is best achieved through early intervention activities that wrap around young people at risk of offending and reoffending, and their families.

By addressing the causes of youth crime and supporting young people transitioning to adulthood, young people can avoid becoming entrenched in the criminal justice system and instead move towards better lives and positive futures.

The input below details youth justice programs that focus on early intervention and their funding from 2018-19 through to 2022-23 (please note N/A denotes the initiative had not commenced):

Bail Support Program

- This program delivered by community organisations assists young people at risk of being remanded in custody, providing support to ensure they meet their bail conditions.

Legal Advocacy and Bail Support

- Resources to ensure legal advocates can adequately respond to the demands and complexity of the new legislation and young people appearing before the courts.
 - 2018-19: 3,366,323
 - 2019-20: 6,351,000
 - 2020-21: 6,998,500
 - 2021-22: 8,128,710
 - 2022-23: 8,382,855

NB Two discrete programs but funding transferred between the two programs in each year. Combined to show the overall total

Community Partnership Innovation Grants

- Funding to work with community and deliver short-term innovative crime prevention projects.
 - 2018-21: NA
 - 2021-22: 1,400,000
 - 2022-23: 3,000,000

Restorative Justice Conferencing

- Restorative justice conferencing is an inclusive process that establishes a meeting between a child or young person who has committed a crime and the people who were affected to discuss what happened, the impact and what can be done to start making things right.
 - 2018-19: 3,146,060
 - 2019-20: 6,271,602
 - 2020-21: 6,292,614
 - 2021-22: 6,524,224
 - 2022-23: 6,804,921

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre

- A residential drug and alcohol treatment facility for young people. The service will be delivered by the Ted Noffs Foundation, a national leader in drug and alcohol responses for young people.
 - 2018-21: NA
 - 2021-22: 200,000
 - 2022-23: 2,505,760

Community Youth Response and Diversion

- This initiative provides tailored diversionary responses after hours to keep young people out of courts and custody, and programs to assist young people to overcome barriers around accessing education and mentoring and integrated case management to prevent re-offending.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 3,509,000
 - 2020-21: 3,792,000
 - 2021-22: 3,899,619
 - 2022-23: 4,249,806

Youth Offender Support Service

- Provide a culturally safe, client centred, evidence-based service, through intensive family support and case management.
 - 2018-19: 3,371,012
 - 2019-20: 3,786,322
 - 2020-21: 4,036,444
 - 2021-22: 4,392,566
 - 2022-23: 4,585,575

Family-Led Decision Making

- This program gives Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families, whose children are in contact with the youth justice system, a stronger voice in decisions about their children.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 1,288,000
 - 2020-21: 997,000
 - 2021-22: 999,000
 - 2022-23: 1,306,252

Mount Isa Transitional Hub

- Provides an after-hours, community focussed and culturally safe diversion response for young people.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 829,000
 - 2020-21: 1,332,000
 - 2021-22: 1,295,974
 - 2022-23: 1,837,205

On Country Program

- The On Country program is a community-driven response in providing culture-based rehabilitation for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people with complex needs.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 153,000
 - 2020-21: 1,754,000
 - 2021-22: 1,789,647
 - 2022-23: 2,154,307

Transition 2 Success Program

- Provides young people in the youth justice system, or at risk of entering it, a 10 to 16-week program where they complete vocational training and work experience with local organisations.
 - 2018-19: 2,500,000
 - 2019-20: 5,710,634
 - 2020-21: 6,690,397
 - 2021-22: 6,270,518
 - 2022-23: 6,744,846

Queensland Youth Partnership Initiative

- This program provides alternative opportunities and activities for at-risk young people with a focus on youth development, training, employment and engagement.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 334,563
 - 2020-21: 376,499
 - 2021-22: 337,445
 - 2022-23: 977,452

Townsville Community Youth Response

- This initiative provides diversionary responses after hours to keep young people out of courts and custody.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 3,710,721
 - 2020-21: 3,664,479
 - 2021-22: 3,857,198
 - 2022-23: 3,816,824

Co-Responder Program

- A joint Youth Justice and Police team focused on reducing and preventing youth crime by working to stop offending and anti-social behaviour.
 - 2018-19: NA
 - 2019-20: 112,000
 - 2020-21: 3,822,233
 - 2021-22: 7,963,356
 - 2022-23: 9,677,327

These are DCYJMA program delivery costs only and do not include whole of departmental corporate costs or funding for other agencies. These costs cannot be broken down by region but is funding provided across the state for these initiatives and programs.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs also provides diversionary programs as part of standard case management with young people subject to youth justice orders. These programs include, but are not limited to, programs such as:

- Rethinking Our Attitude to Driving (ROAD);
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART);
- Changing Habits and Reaching Targets (CHART);
- Re-Navigating Anger and Guilty Emotions (RAGE);
- Emotion Regulation and Impulse Control (ERIC);
- Black Chicks Talking;
- Community Service Orders;
- Graffiti Removal Orders; and
- Probation Orders.

These programs are funded through the staffing allocation to Youth Justice in the regions.