

## Question on Notice

No. 903

Asked on 22 August 2023

**MR D JANETZKI** ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

### QUESTION

With reference to the Mental Health Levy—

Will the Minister provide (a) a list of items on which the funds raised by the levy were budgeted to be spent in 2022-23 including the amount for each item and (b) a list of items on which the funds raised by the levy were actually spent in 2022-23 including the amount for each item?

### ANSWER

I am advised information describing the items on which the funds raised by the Mental Health Levy were spent under *Better Care Together – a plan for Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027* will be included in an annual progress update which is prepared at the end of the financial year.

The annual progress report will be publicly available in early October and will include the expenditure with reference to priority areas under *Better Care Together*. It will also include reference to new initiatives for the current financial year.

Governance arrangements have been established to oversee implementation of the investment and guide the reform and transformation agenda. The *Better Care Together Assurance Committee* and the *Better Care Together Reference Committee* are meeting on a regular basis to assure expenditure and monitor and support implementation respectively.

Combined and multi-agency efforts across the care continuum and sectors is integral to the strategies and actions under *Better Care Together* – recognising that outcomes for individuals and their families and carers are impacted also by justice, education, housing and other social factors.

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,
- Commenced 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.