

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 448

asked on Thursday, 18 April 2024

MRS L GERBER ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm (a) if the three outlook services facilities currently on the Queensland Government website under youth justice community programs and services are still operating and (b) if so, (i) how many young people have attended one of these facilities (reported separately by year) for the last five years, (ii) how much funding is provided (reported separately by facility) each year and (iii) what the outcomes of these facilities are?

ANSWER:

a) The three Outlook Services facilities currently on the Queensland Government website under youth justice community programs and services are still operating.

b) (i) Over the last five years, 15,270¹ young people attended the Outlook Services facilities. Separated by financial year this equates to:

1 July 2023 – 31 March 2024, 2,871 young people
1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023, 3,525 young people
1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022, 3,143 young people
1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021, 3,296 young people
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020, 2,435 young people.

(ii) The Outlook Services operate at Boonah, Lake Perseverance and Cairns (Redlynch). The funding breakdown for each facility over the last five years is provided below:

Boonah

2023/24 – budget \$1,746, 982
2022/23 – budget \$1,624,974
2021/22 – budget \$1,552,429
2020/21 – budget \$1,699,179
2019/20 – budget \$1,645,164

Lake Perseverance

2023/24 – budget \$240, 094
2022/23 – budget \$213, 562
2021/22 – budget \$137, 889
2020/21 – budget \$220,290
2019/20 – budget \$211, 691.

¹ Some young people will engage with Outlook Services on more than one occasion. Data is not reflective of distinct young people.

Redlynch

2023/24: budget \$1,002, 685

2022/23: budget \$912,940

2021/22: budget \$915, 290

2020/21: budget \$1,020, 751

2019/20: budget \$981 365.

(iii) The Outlook Services were originally setup to provide adventure-based therapy services with a disability focus to young people. The Outlook Services have transferred between a number of government departments including Disability, Communities, Sport and Recreation, Education, Child Safety and Youth Justice departments.

The Outlook Services support the delivery of programs and activities, utilising adventure-based learning methods and group work foundations. These evidenced based practices and interventions help young people involved in the youth justice system and those at risk of entering the youth justice system to make positive changes.

The Outlook Services build capability across the sector to support the delivery of group based programs to young people including young people that are at high-risk of reoffending. Across the three facilities, between 2019 and 2024 there have been 351 Training programs delivered to staff internally and externally.