

Question on Notice

No. 887

Asked on 20 August 2024

MR R MOLHOEK 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 an itemised list of all funding allocations from the proceeds of the levy, from 2023-24 to 2027-28 (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER

I refer the member to my previous response to question on notice 807 of 2024 which outlined the allocations that have been approved by Government to support implementation of the statewide *Better Care Together: A plan for Queensland's state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027*.

It's incredibly important that Queenslanders impacted by mental health challenges, substance misuse, and suicide receive compassionate support at the right time.

I'm so proud to be a part of a government that recognises the importance of mental health and well-being.

Our Mental Health Levy is providing a sustainable funding stream to enhance existing and future mental health services, adding more beds and clinicians to offer community treatment and support services close to home.

I am pleased to advise that revenue generated from the Mental Health Levy has supported a revised commitment of \$1.948 billion in new funding over the five years.

This is an increase on the investment announced in the 2022-23 State Budget of \$1.645 billion over five years. This additional investment in mental health, alcohol and other drug and suicide prevention services will be aligned with evidence-informed need, with consideration given to patient flows, existing resources and capacity across the service system.

I have been privileged to announce new services because of this additional investment. These include:

- an initial \$39 million to deliver 30 new mother and baby beds for perinatal mental health care statewide;
- \$24 million for a dedicated 8 bed adolescent mental health unit in Cairns;
- \$34.2 million for the Women and Girls' Health Strategy;
- \$7.8 million for Putting Queensland Kids First; and
- \$4.8 million for Tropical Cyclone and Rainfall Disaster and \$2.2 million for Queensland Bushfire Events Disaster Recovery.