

Question on Notice

No. 914

Asked on 21 August 2024

MR J LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TREATY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to social reinvestment initiatives in Kowanyama - will the Minister advise:
(a) what evaluation has the department undertaken with respect to community night patrols
(b) how much funding has been allocated in 2024-25?

ANSWER:

The Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (the department) is currently progressing the evaluation to measure the impact of local decision making and social and emotional wellbeing initiatives in 2024–25 which will include the Kowanyama Night Patrol.

The department provided \$165,000 to Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council in 2022–23 to support this initiative. In 2023–24, an additional \$82,000 was provided for the continuation of the Night Patrol services.

The Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council has advised that the Night Patrol has contributed to a decrease in youth related crime and youth probation orders.

The department is working with Council to confirm funding allocations for the Night Patrol for this financial year utilising the \$5 million available in 2024–25 to continue wellbeing and community safety programs.