

Question on Notice

No. 955

Asked on 22 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 Community Connect workers—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many Community Connect workers are there for the 128 Neighbourhood Centres and (b) how is it determined which Neighbourhood centres are allocated Community Connect workers?

ANSWER:

Community Connect Workers are currently located in 30 Neighbourhood Centres. In 2024-25, the program will be expanded to a further two centres, bringing the total number of Community Connect Workers to 32.

In 2017, our Government established a pilot program of 12 Community Connect Workers. Due to the success of the trial, the program was expanded to 32 centres as part of the 2022-23 State Budget.

The Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts uses an evidence-based approach to determine where Community Connect Workers should be based.

Identification of location and level of need is based on a range of data sets, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, population statistics and population growth projections, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Centres.