

Question No: 160

Question: Funding for Social Issues in Katherine Region

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Member: Mr BAILEY

To: MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. What funding from the Northern Territory government do organisations in the Katherine region receive for programs dealing with the following issues -

- (a) alcohol programs;
- (b) poverty programs; and
- (c) social work programs.

2. What did each of the above programs receive in funding from the Northern Territory government in the following financial years -

- (a) 1990-91; and
- (b) 1991-92.

3. How many departmental staff are employed with responsibilities for these programs in the Katherine region.

4. Is a HACC program conducted in the Katherine region.

ANSWER

1. The Northern Territory government provides funding to the following organisations in the Katherine region -

(A) ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

KATHERINE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED provides a range of alcohol and drug education awareness programs to people in the Katherine region experiencing problems with alcohol and other drugs.

THE SOBERING UP SHELTER provides shelter for the humane care and safe management of intoxicated persons.

ROCKHOLE ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM provides alcohol and drug education programs as well as rehabilitation programs for people experiencing problems with alcohol.

LIVING WITH ALCOHOL PROGRAM - CHIEF MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT
Rockhole Alcohol Rehabilitation Program receives funding from the above program for the employment of an alcohol counsellor and an alcohol worker. They also received funding to complete the refurbishment of the Rockhole Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit.

Funding from the Living with Alcohol Program has also been provided to the NGARINGMAN RESOURCE CENTRE INCORPORATED, located at Timber Creek, for the provision of a motor vehicle and fuel to enable an alcohol worker to carry out alcohol abuse intervention programs in Aboriginal communities in the Timber Creek area.

KING VALLEY STATION has also received funding from the Living with Alcohol Program. This funding is being administered through the Department of Correctional Services. Funding has been provided for the transportation of demountables, materials for the roof cover for the demountables and the workshop, construction of kitchen and ablution facilities and repairs to the recreation area. King Valley Station runs Stock and Station Skills courses for disadvantaged Aboriginal youth.

(B) POVERTY PROGRAMS

(C) SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS

The terms 'Poverty Programs' and 'Social Work Programs' are unclear, however there are organisations in the Katherine region who receive funding to provide support to families that are in a state of crisis or are at risk of disintegrating. They are funded under the Family, Youth and Children's Services Program -

KATHERINE FAMILY NETWORK INCORPORATED receives funding to restore and improve the skills of families experiencing difficulty in fulfilling essential family functions, particularly basic functions relating to the care and growth of their children; and

DAGURAGU/KALKARINGI HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM receives funding to provide support services to families which prevent family breakdown and encourage family development.

Another program supporting people in crisis is the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP).

This program is jointly funded by the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments. The aim of the program is the provision of a range of supported accommodation and related support services to assist single men, single women, young people, families and women and their dependents, who are either permanently or temporarily homeless as a result of crisis, and who need such assistance to move towards independent living where possible and appropriate. SAAP Programs funded in the Katherine region are -

KATHERINE WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE which provides accommodation and support for women and their dependents in times of crisis;

ORMONDE HOUSE (ST VINCENT DE PAUL) which receives funding to provide an overnight shelter for homeless men; and

KATHERINE COMMUNITY ACCOMMODATION SCHEME which provides crisis and medium term accommodation to homeless families and homeless youth (18-to 25-year age group).

A new SAAP service is to be established shortly in Katherine which will benefit homeless youth.

As well as the above organisations providing assistance to disadvantaged members of the community, the Department of Health and Community Services administers the following program -

BURIAL SCHEME

Assistance may be provided by the Department of Health and Community Services towards the cost of burial of people who have limited financial resources and whose relatives are unable to meet these expenses.

2. Provision of funding to the above organisations -

(A) & (B)

KATHERINE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

1990-91 - \$ 92 000

1991-92 - \$ 96 100

SOBERING UP SHELTER

1990-91 - \$ 258 000

1991-92 - \$ 269 600

ROCKHOLE ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

1990-91 - \$ 46 000

1991-92 - \$ 48 100

ROCKHOLE ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM:
LIVING WITH ALCOHOL PROGRAM

1990-91 - nil

1991-92 - \$ 46 750

NGARINGMAN RESOURCE CENTRE INCORPORATED
LIVING WITH ALCOHOL PROGRAM

1990-91 - nil

1991-92 - \$ 32 000 (vehicle)

KING VALLEY STATION
LIVING WITH ALCOHOL PROGRAM

1990-91 - nil

1991-92 - nil

1992-1993 - \$ 56 700 received for the financial year

KATHERINE FAMILY NETWORK INCORPORATED

1990-91 - \$ 47 000

1991-92 - \$ 49 100

DAGURAGU/KALKARINGI HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM

1990-91 - \$ 36 000

1991-92 - \$ 37 600

KATHERINE WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

1990-91 - \$ 222 000 - which includes \$9 000 one-off grant

1991-92 - \$ 225 000

ORMONDE HOUSE (ST VINCENT DE PAUL)

1990-91 - \$ 68 500

1991/92 - \$ 72 100

KATHERINE COMMUNITY ACCOMMODATION SCHEME

1990-91 - \$ 142 000 - which includes \$23 000 one-off grant

1991-92 - \$ 125 000

3. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF EMPLOYED WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THESE PROGRAMS IN THE KATHERINE REGION

ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Funding under the Living with Alcohol Program for the 1992-93 financial year has been approved to employ a Registered Nurse at a 3A level and an Aboriginal Alcohol Worker at an A04/A05 level.

Cost shared funding is also available to employ a Health Promotion Officer at a P2 level. The position is funded by NCADA - National Campaign Against Drug Abuse - and the Northern Territory government.

Funding from the Northern Territory government is also available to employ 2 Aboriginal Health Promotion Officers at an A04 level. Staff employed in these 3 positions are involved in alcohol education programs in the Katherine Region.

FAMILY, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM

The following departmental staff are employed with responsibilities for the Family, Youth and Children's Services Programs -

- 1 Office Manager - Professional 3 level
- 2 Senior Community Welfare Workers - Professional 2 level
- 7 Community Welfare Workers - Professional 1 level
- 1 Aboriginal Community Worker - A04 level
- 1 Clerical Support Worker - A03 level
- 1 typist - A02 level
- 1 Non-Government Liaison Officer - A06 level

SAAP PROGRAM

The Departmental staff employed with responsibilities for the Family, Youth and Children's Services Programs will also have responsibilities for the new SAAP service to be established in Katherine, which will benefit homeless youth.

As well as other responsibilities, the District Manager (A08 level) and the Non-Government Liaison Officer (A06 level) have overall responsibility for all program areas.

4. HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMS (HACC)

The HACC Program is a cost-shared program between the Commonwealth and State/Territory governments.

Through the program, financial assistance is provided for services which support frail aged people and younger people with disabilities living at home who are at risk of inappropriate institutionalisation.

The following communities in the Katherine region receive funding to provide HACC services -

Barunga
Beswick
Borrooloola.

Organisations based in Katherine which receive funds to provide HACC services include -

Kalano Community Association Incorporated
Red Cross Society
Sponsor Family Association Incorporated.

Katherine Community Connections and Outreach Program receives HACC funding to provide day therapy programs for frail aged people and younger people with disabilities. This program is administered by the Department of Health and Community Services.