

MENTAL HEALTH — ALIVE AND KICKING GOALS PROJECT — BROOME

3628. Ms J. Farrer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the 'Alive and Kicking Goals' suicide prevention project based in Broome and ask:

- (a) how many people has Alive and Kicking Goals assisted since its establishment;
- (b) how much funding did the Government provide to the program for the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (c) will the Government continue funding this program after 30 June 2015; and
- (d) how much funding will the Government provide to the program for the years 2015 and 2016?

Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:

- (a) The 'Alive and Kicking Goals' project for the two (2) years July 2012–June 2014 report that approximately 2 450 youth attended either suicide prevention workshops, training including Mental Health First Aid and/or community youth events.
- (b) The WA Country Health Service provided the following funding under the WA Footprints to Better Health Strategy for the Alive and Kicking Goals suicide prevention program:

Funding year	Funding amount
2010–11	\$519 365
2011–12	\$535 983
2012–13	\$535 983
2013–14	\$535 983
2014–15	\$550 187

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) does not provide direct funding to the 'Alive and Kicking Goals' (AKG) project. AKG is funded by the West Australian Country Health Service.

In 2013–14, the MHC provided non recurrent funding of \$20 000 to the Blackdog Institute to support the partnership with AKG, for the development of the content of *ibobbly*, an app trialled and designed to improve mental health and reduce suicidal thoughts in Aboriginal youth.

In 2014–15, the MHC provided approximately \$17 000 to the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, in collaboration with AKG, to deliver four cultural weekend camps in Broome for young Indigenous people affected by suicide.

- (c)–(d) State Government Funding for the continuation of the Footprints to Better Health program is currently being considered as part of the 2015–16 Budget process.