

MENTAL HEALTH — STANDBY PROGRAM — BROOME

3629. Ms J. Farrer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the 'Standby program' in Broome, which is a suicide bereavement response service that provides immediate support to people and communities affected by suicide in the Kimberley, and ask:

- (a) how many requests for assistance did Standby receive for the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014;
- (b) how many staff are currently employed with Standby in the Kimberley;
- (c) how many Standby staff are currently employed based in Broome;
- (d) how many Standby staff will be employed based in Broome after 30 June 2015;
- (e) how much funding did the Government provide to Standby for the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014; and
- (f) how much funding will the Government provide to Standby for the following years: 2015, 2016 and 2017?

Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:

- (a)–(d) The Mental Health Commission (MHC) does not directly recurrently fund the 'StandBy Response Service'. It is funded by the Commonwealth therefore all detailed requests for information should be requested from the Commonwealth Minister.
- (e) In 2011, the MHC provided \$536,000 to Anglicare WA for enhanced postvention support in the Kimberley. The MHC also provided \$164,000 to enable the backfilling of Kinway staff as cover for the StandBy Response Service (Kinway is a division of Anglicare WA).

In 2012, in a partnership with the Commonwealth, Department of Health and Ageing, the MHC provided \$83 600 to contribute towards a StandBy Crisis Response Team worker in Derby for 12 months.

- (f) The MHC is currently liaising with Standby regarding potential support for initiatives during 2015.