

BUILDING SOLID FAMILIES PROGRAM, FUNDING PAID TO ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICES

40. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) What was the total amount paid to Aboriginal health services in 2002-03 for the building solid families programs?
- (2) What was the purpose of those programs?
- (3) What portion of the total amount was spent on staff and administration?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The total amount paid by the Department of Health to Aboriginal organisations for the building solid families program in 2001-02 was approximately \$627 000.
- (2) Provision of a comprehensive information and support service to support mental health, social and emotional wellbeing for individuals, families and communities, particularly those affected by family separation, trauma, grief and loss, mental health problems and those at risk of self harm.
- (3) The staff cost for running this program was approximately \$51 000. The administration costs are minor and within the Office of Aboriginal Health corporate budget.