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	Action area referred to in QON 1666	Funding
1	Grants valued at over \$500,000 provided to recognise and support families and carers.	<p>Over the last two financial years, the Mental Health Commission (MHC) has provided the Mental Illness Fellowship Western Australia (MIFWA) with non-recurrent funding of approximately \$440,000 to provide support by trained parent peer support workers for parents living with mental illness.</p> <p>The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) was also provided funding of \$145,175 to support two projects including an information resource to support carers of people with mental illness.</p>
2	Cross sector collaboration with the Attorney General's Department for the establishment of the Court Diversion Program.	The Mental Health Court Diversion and Support Pilot Program commenced in 2013. It was initially funded for 20 months at a cost of \$6.7 million. The 2014/15 State Budget allocated a further \$4.6 million to enable the pilot program to continue for an additional 12 months to June 2015. Funding beyond June 2015 will be informed by evaluation of the program.
3	Individualised Community Support has been comprehensively implemented with over 130 people who have received individualised support with more to follow.	<p>It is anticipated that the total cost of implementing the Individualised Community Living Strategy since its commencement in 2011/12 up until the 30 June 2015 will be \$25.4 million.</p> <p>In addition, a total of \$57,985,000 in capital costs has been spent for the purchase of housing to support the strategy. These funds were allocated to the Department of Housing.</p>
4	Prevention initiatives such as the Mental Health Commission's support for Act Belong Commit.	<p>From 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2014, the MHC provided Curtin University, Mentally Healthy WA with approximately \$1.4 million to implement the Act-Belong-Commit campaign. A further \$450,000 will be provided to continue implementation in 2014/15.</p> <p>In 2012/13 and 2013/14, the MHC also provided additional non recurrent funding of approximately \$200,000 for the implementation and evaluation of the 'Act-Belong-Commit in Recovery project'. This was developed to build the capacity of the mental health workforce to support and mentor consumers to engage in mentally healthy activities.</p>
5	Continuation of the State-wide Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SSAMHS).	Total funding provided for SSAMHS to June 2014 was \$22.9 million. In the 2014/15 budget and forward estimates, \$29.1 million was allocated to deliver SSAMHS until June 2017.

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6	Implemented the Pilot Inter-Hospital Patient Transfer Service.	The pilot Mental Health Inter-hospital Patient Transport Service commenced operation on 11 March 2014. The MHC provided \$230,000 to the North Metropolitan Health service for 2013/14 and expects to provide \$411,761 in 2014/15.
7	Implementation of the Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Total funding provided for the State Suicide Prevention Strategy from 2009 to 30 June 2015 is \$21 million.
8	Development of consumer, carer and professional leadership of mental health services through Allies in Change.	In 2012/13, the MHC provided funding of \$149,000 to Perth Home Care Services to deliver the 'Allies In Change' project in Kalgoorlie.
9	Development of new mental health legislation which has now passed the parliament.	The MHC assumed responsibility for the development of the Mental Health Bill in late 2010. Between 2010 and 2014, an average of approximately 3.5 FTE were allocated to the development of the legislation costing around \$400,000 per annum.