

MENTAL HEALTH - REGIONAL INITIATIVES

3764. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

In relation to mental health initiatives in regional Western Australia, and the State Government's \$173 million, three year mental health strategy, I ask -

- (1) How much of the \$173 million has been allocated to mental health initiatives in regional Western Australia?
- (2) Can you please detail each regional mental health initiative, including the amount allocated in each year and the location?
- (3) Does the \$173 million over three years represent the State Government's total commitment to Mental Health over the next three years?
- (4) If not, please detail the additional funding that will be allocated to regional mental health initiatives in each of the next three years, including each project to be funded, amount allocated and its location.
- (5) In relation to the Federal Government's \$1.8 billion mental health initiative -
 - (a) What portion of the \$1.8 billion has been allocated to mental health initiatives in regional Western Australia in each of the next three years?
 - (b) Please detail what initiatives have been funded in regional areas, how much has been allocated to each initiative in each year and where the initiative is located.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1) The WA Country Health Services Mental Health budget allocation for 2005/06 is \$27.213m. In addition, of the State Governments \$173m allocated through the Mental Health Strategy 2004 - 2007, WA Country Health Services has been allocated a total of \$6.5m over three years for the expansion of Community Mental Health Services across regional WA.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	0.7 million
2005/06	2.6 million
2006/07	3.2 million

- (2) Initiatives include:

North West Mental Health Services

Service expansions include the provision to employ:

- one Indigenous Mental Health Worker in each of the community mental health services located in Broome, Kununurra and Pilbara;
- a Senior Child and Adolescent Youth Mental Health Program Leader for the Kimberley and Pilbara;
- a Team Leader and a part time Registered Nurse for Pilbara.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	147,000
2005/06	468,000
2006/07	491,000

Central West Mental Health Services

Service expansions include the provision to employ:

- one Consultant Psychiatrist in Geraldton; and
- one Senior Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Emergency Department at Geraldton.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	20,000
2005/06	250,000
2006/07	273,000

In addition, a 14 bed Community Supported Residential Unit (CSRU) will be built in Geraldton to provide residential accommodation for people with serious mental illness who are unable to live independently.

Work has commenced on this site with the estimated occupation date being September 2007.

The allocated funding for CSRUs is not available as services will be subject to competitive tendering.

Kalgoorlie South East Coastal Mental Health Service

- one Consultant Psychiatrist

Allocation	\$
2004/05	42,000
2005/06	150,000
2006/07	163,000

Wheatbelt Mental Health Service

Service expansions include the provision to employ:

- a part time Consultant Psychiatrist; and
- four Community Mental Health professionals to provide Adult and Child and Adolescent services.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	105,000
2005/06	486,000
2006/07	527,000

Great Southern Mental Health Services

Service expansions include the provision to employ:

- one Consultant Psychiatrist; and
- one Psychiatrist registrar.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	200,000
2005/06	500,000
2006/07	537,000

In addition, a 12 Bed CSRU will be built in Albany to provide residential accommodation for people with serious mental illness who are unable to live independently.

Work has commenced on this site with the estimated occupation date being September 2007.

The allocated funding for CSRUs is not available as services will be subject to competitive tendering.

South West Mental Health Service

Service expansions include the provision to employ:

- one full time plus one part time Medical Support; and
- four Community Mental Health professionals to provide Adult Child and Adolescent services.

Allocation	\$
2004/05	170,000
2005/06	720,000
2006/07	509,000

In addition a 15 bed and a 10 bed CSRU will be built in Bunbury and Busselton respectively to provide residential accommodation for people with serious mental illness who are unable to live independently.

The Department of Housing and Works (DHW) anticipated completion date for the Bunbury CSRU is February 2008 and the Busselton CSRU is December 2007.

The allocated funding for CSRUs is not available as services will be subject to competitive tendering.

WA Country Health Service Mental Health Directorate

Mental Health Strategy project management for WACHS

Allocation	\$
2004/05	50,000
2005/06	50,000
2006/07	100,000

The remaining Mental Health Strategy 2004 - 2007 funding will be allocated to individual CSRUs upon completion of the competitive tendering process.

In addition, the following capital initiatives are also being progressed:

- The Bunbury Mental Health Inpatient Unit, with capital funding of \$6.052m, is being expanded by a further 18 beds.
- A new Community Mental Health Clinic is to be built with capital funding of \$3.18m.

Funding allocations for recurrent FTE are yet to be determined. The DHW have called for tenders, for both facilities, with a contract to be awarded by 27 October 2006. The DHW anticipate commencement by the builder to be 1 November 2006.

- (3) The \$173m represents additional mental health funding over three years.
 - (4) Not applicable.
 - (5) The Federal Government has not released details of this initiative at this time.
- (a-b) Not applicable