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QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND UNDERTAKINGS BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING

- *Provide copies of the Evaluation Report for Phases One and Two of the National Illicit Drugs Campaign*

Copies of both reports are enclosed for each Committee Member.

- *Provide copies of the advertisements and booklets that were produced as part of Phase Two of the National Illicit Drugs Campaign*

Copies of advertisements, booklets and posters are enclosed for each Committee Member.

- *Advise whether the advertisements for Phase Three of the National Illicit Drugs Campaign can be viewed by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services in advance of screening*

The Government recently announced additional funding of \$9.2 million to enhance its investment in the third phase of the National Drugs Campaign to include a focus on methamphetamine, including its highly potent form – crystal methamphetamine or Ice.

A new television commercial on Ice will be developed adding to existing education and awareness commercials on cannabis, ecstasy and amphetamines. An updated version of the parents booklet 'Talking with your kids about drugs' will also be distributed to all households in Australia. The advertisements for this stage of the National Drugs Campaign are still in development and will be provided to the Committee upon the Campaign launch.

- *Provide a list of services funded under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program, including funding amounts for each service*

A list of services funded under this Program, including the funding amounts for each service subject to the current two year funding agreements (2006/2007 and 2007/2008) is provided at Attachment 1.

- ***Provide statistics on the number of people using drugs (including which drugs) in each state and territory over the last 5 years***

These statistics are contained in the *2004 National Drug Strategy Household Survey First Results Report* and its companion '*The State and Territory Supplement*'. Copies of the First Results Report are included for each committee member.

- The Table on page 3 of the First Results Report presents a summary of recent drug use, comparing the proportions of people who reported using particular illicit and licit drugs from 1993 – 2004.

The State and Territory Supplement has been produced since 1995 and contains a summary of recent illicit drug use for each state and territory, in each year that it has been produced.

- Enclosed are copies of the relevant Tables from the State and Territory Supplement from 2004, 2001 and 1998 for each Committee Member. The Supplements are not available in hard copy, but can be sourced from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's website at www.aihw.gov.au.
- ***Advise why the Prime Minister's Tough on Drugs initiative is not evident on the Department's website***

There are various references and links to the Tough on Drugs Initiative on the Department's website, including:

The "Tough on Drugs" fact sheet is located on the Department's website at: www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/factsheet-tough_on_drugs.htm

There is a link from the Department's website: (www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/Campaigns-1) to the *National Drugs Campaign* website at www.drugs.health.gov.au which describes the "Tough on Drugs" initiative.

The National Drug Strategy website which is hosted by the Department also refers to the "Tough on Drugs" initiative at: www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au/internet/drugstrategy/publishing.nsf/content/national-drug-strategic-framework-lp.

There is a link to the National Drug Strategy website from the Department's website at: www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/Education+and+Prevention-2

- *Advise what progress has been made in mapping treatment services' locations and profiles across the country, and particularly the numbers of residential detoxification facilities, numbers of beds, costs to operate those services and waiting times.*

The Department is working with state and territory governments to develop a national database of alcohol and drug treatment services, to comprehensively describe the number and nature of these services. This is a complex and extensive project that is building on the work and findings from the Australian National Council on Drug's mapping exercise, to ensure that a comprehensive and specialised tool is developed that could inform policy decisions, resource development and service planning tailored to all state/territory and Australian Government needs.

An initial version of the database is expected in mid 2007.

- *By what percentage has the government increased support over the last five years to community organisations providing drug treatment.*

The Government has more than tripled its investment in funding of non-government organisations under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program since the commencement of the Program in 1997.

To date, there has been over \$142 million provided to over 200 Non-Government Organisations:

- \$58.6 million was spent on the NGOTGP over five years from 1997-98 until 30 June 2002; and
- \$115.5 million has been allocated for the NGOTGP over five years from 1 July 2002 until 30 June 2007.

Recently the Government announced funding of more than \$170 million over the next four years to the non-government sector to support treatment services to better respond to the needs of families, young people and amphetamine type stimulant (ATS) dependent users.

- This includes additional funding of \$22.9 million over the next two years for an ATS Treatment Grants Program to better equip non-government organisations to tailor treatment and support services to ATS users; and
- Additional funding of \$79.5 million for the NGOTGP to provide more flexible family therapies and detoxification arrangements to people and their families who are trying to fight drug addiction. Additional treatment and residential places will also be provided to better meet the particular needs of young people in drug and alcohol treatment.

- ***What is the current policy on the prescribing and dispensing of methadone in the states and territories.***

States and Territories develop their own policies, given they are responsible for the regulation of methadone and buprenorphine prescribing as pharmacotherapies for the management of opioid dependence in their individual jurisdictions.

The Department developed the *National Pharmacotherapy Policy Guidelines for People Dependent on Opioids* in 2004 to provide a broad policy context and framework for state and territory policies and guidelines. The guidelines were recently updated to reflect changes in clinical practice, given the availability of Buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid dependence, and are currently being considered by all state and territory ministers responsible for health and law enforcement.

The Department developed National Clinical Guidelines for methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone to complement the National Pharmacotherapy Policy Guidelines and aid authorised medical practitioners in the selection and management of patients seeking treatment for opioid dependence.

Copies of the National Pharmacotherapy Policy and existing National Clinical Guidelines are enclosed for each committee member.

- ***Advise total costs of the National Drugs Campaign.***

The Australian Government spent \$31 million on the National Drugs Campaign from 1999 - 2005.

In 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, the Australian Government will invest a further \$32.9 million to the National Drugs Campaign.

ATTACHMENT 1

**Non-Government Organisations currently funded
By the Department of Health and Ageing under the
Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program**

New South Wales

Name of Organisation	Amount (GST exclusive)
Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative	\$640,946.00
Ngaimpe Aboriginal Corporation	\$221,180.00
Kamira Farm - Outreach Service for Women	\$281,212.00
Kamira Farm - Child Development Worker	\$96,802.00
Odyssey House McGrath Foundation - Child Development Specialist	\$138,252.00
Odyssey House McGrath Foundation – Medically Assisted Detoxification Unit	\$1,293,546.00
Triple Care Farm, Mission Australia – Adolescent Counselling Program	\$99,220.00
Wollongong Crisis Centre	\$450,850.00
The Buttery	\$835,018.00
Ted Noffs Foundation – Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM) East	\$738,798.00
Kedesh Rehabilitation Services – Adolescent programme	\$423,018.00
Kedesh Rehabilitation Services - Holistic treatment for dual diagnosis	\$204,414.00
We Help Ourselves – Sydney – Clinical Services Management	\$254,980.00
We Help Ourselves - Hunter Valley	\$1,007,696.00
We Help Ourselves – Supported Withdrawal	\$1,118,854.00
Calvary Health Care Riverina	\$863,470.00
South Sydney Youth Services	\$399,180.00
The Station	\$100,968.00
Youth Off the Streets	\$607,412.00
The Salvation Army - Oasis Youth Support Network	\$157,632.00
The Salvation Army - Shoalhaven Bridge Programme	\$246,668.00
The Salvation Army Property Trust New South Wales - Endeavour Programme	\$431,702.00
The Salvation Army Property Trust New South Wales (Salvation Army Youthlink) – Follow-on Youth Recovery Support Team (FYRST Parramatta)	\$328,682.00
Salvation Army Property Trust New South Wales (Salvation Army Youthlink) – Follow-on Youth Recovery Support Team (FYRST Fairfield)	\$324,117.00
Peninsula Community Centre	\$85,232.00
Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Kathleen York House	\$251,740.00
Blacktown Alcohol and other Drugs Family Services	\$297,580.00
Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Medical Centre	\$150,048.00
Glebe House Limited	\$171,844.00
Haymarket Foundation	\$162,944.00
Jarra House	\$288,280.00
Manly Drug Education and Counselling Centre	\$143,910.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$270,097.00
Teen Challenge	\$591,240.00
Weigelli Centre Aboriginal Corporation	\$169,846.00
Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation (operating as DRUG ARM)	\$260,046.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$14,107,424.00

Victoria

Name of Organisation	Amount (GST exclusive)
Ngwala Willumbong Cooperative Limited	\$269,571.00
Jesuit Social Services	\$465,769.00
San Remo and District Health Centre	\$134,286.00
Inner South Community Health Service	\$158,093.00
Flat Out	\$248,798.00
Mitchell Community Health Service	\$149,874.00
Youth Substance Abuse Service – Day Programme	\$401,465.00
Youth Substance Abuse Service - Eastern	\$283,138.00
Youth Substance Abuse Service – Latrobe Valley	\$177,120.00
Youth Substance Abuse Service – Northern Home Based Withdrawal	\$283,138.00
Windana Society - Ruth Wenig Parenting Support Program	\$83,234.00
Windana Society and Sacred Heart Mission – Clean Street Project	\$144,720.00
Windana Society – Women and Women with Children Supported Accommodation Programme	\$135,727.00
Buoyancy Foundation of Victoria	\$155,178.00
Northern District Community Health Service (in cooperation with Echuca Regional Health)	\$540,233.00
Maroondah Social and Community Health Centre (Eastern Access Community Health)	\$340,444.00
Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre – Drug Responsive Outreach Programme	\$129,079.00
Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre – Dual Diagnosis Assessment and Comprehensive Care	\$187,538.00
Australian Vietnamese Women's Welfare Association	\$155,618.00
The Salvation Army - Bridgehaven	\$911,352.00
The Salvation Army - Kardinia Network	\$141,492.00
The Salvation Army - Eunike – Women's Alcohol and Drug Supported Accommodation Service	\$142,365.00
The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust - Eastcare – AURORA Women's Alcohol and Drug Supported Accommodation Service	\$142,365.00
Upper Hume Community Health Service - Wodonga	\$150,986.00
Upper Hume Community Health Service – Mix It Up Programme	\$174,600.00
Goulburn Valley Community Health Service	\$146,592.00
MacKillop Family Services	\$316,917.00
Sunbury Community Health Centre	\$161,543.00
Anglicare Victoria	\$224,249.00
General Practitioners Association of Geelong (Clockwork Young Peoples Health Service)	\$203,457.00
Sunraysia Community Health Service	\$117,701.00
Knox Community Health Service	\$155,238.00
Latrobe Community Health Service	\$185,915.00
Someone Who Cares	\$155,618.00
Inner South Community Health Service	\$144,718.00
North Yarra Community Health	\$174,854.00
Odyssey House Victoria	\$542,812.00
Orygen Research Centre	\$467,200.00
Peninsula Community Health Service and Frankston Community Health Service	\$334,916.00
Taskforce Community Agency	\$174,600.00
Uniting Care, Ballarat – Dual Diagnosis Pilot Programme	\$156,409.00
Uniting Care, Ballarat – Homeless Project	\$174,600.00
Uniting Care, Moreland Hall - Intensive support for clients with complex needs	\$174,600.00
Uniting Care, Moreland Hall – Hume Drug Counselling Service for young people and their families	\$179,860.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$10,297,982

Queensland

Name or Organisation	Amount (GST exclusive)
Wuchopperen Medical Service/Atherton Neighbourhood Centre	\$447,386.00
MAMU Health Service	\$334,246.00
Mater Mothers Hospital	\$203,874.00
Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Logan House	\$216,600.00
Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Spring Hill	\$263,588.00
St Vincent's Community Services - Cairns	\$271,826.00
St Vincent's Community Services - Brisbane	\$305,384.00
Drug Users Network Education Support	\$150,360.00
Sunshine Coast Injectors Voice and Action Association – Lighthouse Project	\$287,654.20
Sunshine Coast Injectors Voice and Action Association – Changing Habits Programme	\$115,758.00
St Lukes Nursing Service	\$336,590.00
Queensland Intravenous AIDS Association- In House Project	\$590,430.00
Queensland Intravenous AIDS Association – Dual Diagnosis Programme	\$225,116.00
The Salvation Army Fairhaven -Outpatients	\$214,000.00
The Salvation Army Fairhaven-Townsville	\$148,276.00
The Salvation Army - Women's Recovery	\$166,000.00
Brisbane Youth Service	\$214,094.00
Youth Empowered Towards Independence	\$420,160.00
Addiction Help Agency Cairns	\$422,308.00
Drug Arm	\$349,214.00
Gold Coast Alcoholics Recovery Project – Goldbridge Outreach Life Directions Project	\$138,564.00
Gold Coast Alcoholics Recovery Project - Goldbridge Community Project	\$510,214.00
Gold Coast Drug Council (Mirikai) – Youth Dual Diagnosis Programme	\$218,800.00
Gold Coast Drug Council (Mirikai) – Community Outreach Program	\$324,204.00
Teen Challenge Care	\$184,000.00
We Help Ourselves	\$1,069,060.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$8,127,806.20

Western Australia

Name of Organisation	Amount (GST exclusive)
North East Regional Youth Council	\$148,700.00
Mission Australia - Yirra Program	\$128,928.00
Mission Australia – On Track Programme	\$395,200.00
Mission Australia – Face to Face	\$227,668.00
Warburton Community	\$152,413.00
Palmerston Association – South West Metro	\$148,314.00
Palmerston Association – Great Southern Region	\$173,214.00
Holyoake – Illicit Drug Using Women and Children's Programme	\$212,248.00
Holyoake - Wheatbelt Community Service Drug Team	\$287,332.00
Holyoake - Prison to Parole	\$172,076.00
Womens Health Care Association - Perth Women's Centre	\$245,356.00
Drug Arm Western Australia - Rosella House	\$124,250.00
Drug Arm Western Australia – Time Out Centre	\$206,668.00
St John of God	\$165,630.00
The Salvation Army - Bridge Programme	\$100,000.00
Daughters of Charity	\$224,740.00
Goldfields Centrecare	\$131,104.00
Agencies for South West Accommodation	\$160,000.00
Outcare	\$168,364.00
B-Attitudes	\$240,000.00
Mercy Community Services	\$200,000.00
Noongar Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service	\$200,000.00
Palmerston Incorporation - South Metropolitan Community Drug Service Team	\$176,596.00
Palmerston Incorporation - Young Adolescent Parents Programme	\$149,613.00
Western Australian Council on Addictions – Saranna Outreach Service	\$152,600.00
Western Australian Council on Addictions – Saranna Women's Residential Programme	\$337,122.00
Western Australian Substance Users' Association – Amphetamine Specific Outreach Programme	\$205,556.00
Western Australia Substance Users Association – Treatment Referral Worker	\$132,110.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$5,365,802.00

South Australia

Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia	\$155,924.00
Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council of South Australia	\$464,527.24
Mission Australia -Hindmarsh	\$397,004.00
Adelaide Central Mission - Streetlink	\$218,687.40
Adelaide Central Mission - Kuitpo Family Program	\$185,616.76
Anglicare South Australia - Archway	\$79,982.00
Baptist Community Service	\$98,436.00
Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services South Australia	\$340,036.00
The Salvation Army - Towards Independence	\$423,216.00
Self Help Addiction Resource Centre	\$241,658.00
Vietnamese Community in Australia	\$266,922.00
Young Women's Christian Association of Adelaide	\$572,502.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$3,444,511.40

Tasmania

The Salvation Army – Hobart Bridge Assessment and Outreach Service	\$171,718.00
The Salvation Army – Launceston Bridge Outreach Service	\$203,041.00
Youth and Family Focus	\$158,898.00
Community Connections	\$201,244.00
The Link Youth Health Service – Youth Health	\$139,988.00
The Link Youth Health Service – Comorbidity Support Programme	\$157,614.00
Anglicare Tasmania	\$170,464.00
Holyoake Tasmania	\$141,187.00
Launceston City College	\$183,046.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$1,527,200.00

Northern Territory

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunyatjara (NPY) Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	\$250,500
Banyan House – Aboriginal Drug Rehabilitation Services Programme	\$230,878.00
Banyan House – Women and Children's Programme	\$356,130.00
Banyan House - Extension to drug treatment services	\$242,800.00
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	\$298,800.00
Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis C Council	\$347,294.00
Centacare Northern Territory	\$378,000.00
Drug and Alcohol Services Association	\$193,010.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$2,296,950

Australian Capital Territory

CAHMA	\$199,689.20
Toora Womens Incorporated	\$325,408.00
Ted Noffs Foundation – Project for Adolescent Life Management	\$1,520,918.78
Ted Noffs Foundation – Community Outreach and Outclient Programme	\$310,036.00
Total (GST exclusive)	\$2,356,051.98