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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by **MR PARTON/MR COCKS** on 21 July 2023: **MINISTER DAVIDSON** (Justice Health and Mental Health) took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: *Uncorrected Hansard Transcript* 21 July 2023 [Pages 108-109]

In relation to:

Funding for Mental Health Initiatives: What is the breakdown of funding (within the total of \$28 million) that has been rolled over from previous years as compared to new announcements?

MR COCKS: I guess my concern is with the branding of funding which is clearly not new money within that total of \$28 million you are claiming to be additional. Is that the usual approach?

Ms Davidson: So the Discharge Accommodation Program that you are talking about there that is continuing—

MR COCKS: No, sorry. Of that \$28 million that you have mentioned, although in the budget it talks about \$30 million, of that money how much is actually new?

Ms Davidson: So the Discharge Accommodation Program, for example, that you are talking about as a continuation of what had already been happening. We did try a pilot of a Discharge Accommodation Program. We now want to do an evaluation and do some planning work for—

MR COCKS: I can appreciate that, and you have gone to that. What I am interested in, in dollar terms, out of that \$28 million, how much is new?

Ms Davidson: So doing something like an evaluation and planning for what should be a permanent service is actually new compared to what we had previously funded as a pilot program. It is not the same thing.

MR COCKS: I am very happy if you would like to take the detail of it on notice.

Ms Davidson: I think we have a difference of opinion about what is new. Define that bit better for us.

MR COCKS: I am happy for you to come back and—

Ms Rule: I think, Mr Cocks, the budget papers reflect the amount of money that is allocated in this budget to these measures.

MR COCKS: Yes.

Ms Rule: So that is the amount of money that is allocated to the measures in this financial year's.

MR COCKS: Yes. And I am interested in how much is new money, so.

THE CHAIR: Is it possible on notice to get a breakdown of what had been rolled over from previous years as compared to new announcements? That is what you are looking for, is it not?

MR COCKS: New money. Yes, that is what I am after.

THE CHAIR: Is it possible to get that on notice?

Ms Rule: We can take that on notice. As I said, that is largely a question for Treasury about how the dollars in the budget papers are accounted for, but we can work with our colleagues in Treasury to try and provide that information.

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Mental Health New Initiatives	4 Year Totals - Expenses		
	New	Roll overs/ Repurpose	Total
Second Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response team	1,303	-	1,303
Improving support for mental health emergency department presentations	250	-	250
Establishing the Eating Disorders Residential Treatment Centre	17,298	-	17,298
Establishing a second Safe Haven Café *	1,616	-	1,616
Community based mental health accommodation and early intervention services	5,914	450	6,364
Extend youth mental health programs	-	** 2,178	2,178
Continuation of the Fixated and Lone-Actor Grievance-Fuelled Violence Assessment Team (FLAG)	1,253	-	1,253
	27,634	2,628	30,262

* Excludes \$700,000 capital funding.

** \$1,190,000 rolled over from 2022-23 and \$988,000 repurposed from 2023-24.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Justice Health and Mental Health, Ms Davidson MLA