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ACTION OFFICER: MDO9

COPIED TO: _____

Response required: Yes No Action Direct / Board to respond

Response signatory: Minister for Health Assistant Minister Chief of Staff

Closing contact details: Departmental N/A

Response Template*: A B C G

Standard Letter: _____

ESU Option Letter Number: _____

Redirect to: _____

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Briefing note required: YES / NO

Briefing note template*: A B C

COMMENTS: _____

ESU Contact: Diane Cochran

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Department Ref #: _____

- Acknowledgement Letter
- Acknowledgement Email
- Acknowledgement Not Required

Policy Advisor: Andrew

RESPONSE:

Re-Issue: Email: fumicestone
EO / Alison Palmer

- Minister
- Assistant Minister
- Chief of Staff
- Board Chairs
- Refer to Department for Direct Reply (Action Direct)
- No Response Required (Note and File)
- BRIEFING NOTE REQUIRED
- BRIEFING NOTE NOT REQUIRED

- QLD Health Cuts -
Youths with Mental
Illness

Previous Dept Ref #: _____

COMMENTS / REQUESTS:

Similar response to Member for Pumicestone

Oct 27-11-12.

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Donna De Brenni

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Thursday, 22 November 2012 11:55 AM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Options for youths with Mental illness
Attachments: Alison Palmer 22.11.12).docx

Min response seeking details on mental health youth facilities and services in the region.

Andrew Bibb |Senior Policy Advisor/Electorate Liaison
 Office of the Minister for Health
 The Hon Lawrence Springborg, MP
 147-163 Charlotte Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 November 2012 11:19 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: FW: Options for youths with Mental illness

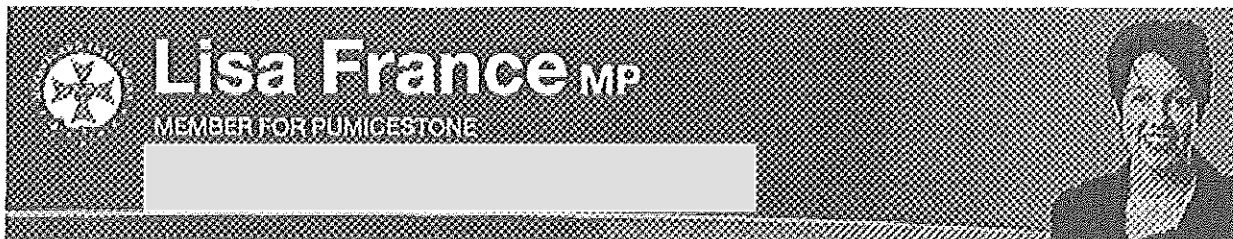
Hi Andrew

Please see attached BLO form and below forwarded email from Lisa's constituent.

Kind regards

Belinda Ferguson

Belinda Ferguson
 Assistant Electorate Officer



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 November 2012 6:10 PM
To: Pumicestone Electorate Office
Subject: Re:

Thank you for your reply and response regarding the Barrett Centre. I still have questions as to Lisa's awareness regarding my other questions? We are at crisis point in assisting young people with mental illness within the community (including this electorate) and I am hoping that this government is aware of this.

Thank you
 Alison

----- Original Message -----

From: Pumicestone Electorate Office
To: Alison Palmer
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 2:19 PM
Subject: RE:

Hi Alison

Lisa has asked me to respond to your email on her behalf.

The Barrett Centre is not closing at the end of next month.

The local HHS has been asked to review the current Barrett Centre in light of a number of concerns the Minister has with regard to the inappropriate mixture of adult and adolescent patients as well as a backlog in critical infrastructure upgrades and maintenance the Government has inherited at the existing facility.

No decision has been made to close the centre, and recently reported media comments to that effect are erroneous.

The Minister's primary concern is to see continuity of care for patients in a safe and secure environment. The Minister will take on Board the recommendations of both the local HHS as well as a newly formed Mental Health Commission about the future of this centre when they report to the Minister.

Until that time, the local HHS is endeavouring to contact patients as well as their relatives to allay any concerns.

Alison I hope this clears up your concerns from your below email.

Kind regards

Belinda Ferguson

Belinda Ferguson
Assistant Electorate Officer



From: Alison Palmer [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 10 November 2012 11:03 AM
To: Pumicestone Electorate Office
Subject:

I am writing to express my concern at the ongoing, short sighted funding cuts currently being undertaken by the LNP. Every day since the LNP has taken over the reins of our state I see the impacts on the children and their families who I work with.

Lisa, have you noticed the amount of young people walking around this area during school hours?

You might want to find out how many young people have spent time in adult mental health inpatient units in Queensland and your electorate. You may wish to find out how the extreme trauma that young people who have been supported by the expert team at the Barrett Centre will be addressed with its closure next month?

You may wish to find out about the increase in referrals to youth shelters, youth support agencies, Department of Child Safety, early intervention services and child mental health services in Queensland and in your electorate in particular and the current level of resources and funding placed in these areas. Have you spoken to people working on the ground, the so called 'front line', have you heard what they say is really happening for the children in this area and in Queensland?

If you knew these things then I know as my local member you would not be supporting funding cuts, job losses etc in these areas as I know that you will see the subsequent costs down the track in hospital emergency departments and the courts/prison systems, social and economic impacts of increases in Domestic violence, crime, educational disengagement, underemployment and poverty for those who are not living to their full potential.

Children do not vote but they are the future contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of this state.

Yours sincerely
Alison Palmer

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Backbench Liaison Request

MEMBER : *(include EO contact)*

PUMICESTONE – BELINDA FERGUSON

DATE REQUESTED: 12/11/12

DEADLINE AND REASON: *(if applicable. N.B. Backbench Liaison will advise appropriate timeframe otherwise)* As soon as possible please

CONSTITUENT DETAILS: *(name, address, contact number)*

Alison Parlmer

SUBJECT: QLD HEALTH CUTS – YOUTHS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

BACKGROUND/ISSUES:

PLEASE SEE FORWARDED EMAIL. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO HER REGARDING THE BARRETT CENTRE, HOWEVER WOULD YOU PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH SOME DETAILS IN THIS ELECTORATE REGARDING OPTIONS FOR YOUTHS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES FOR HER.

THX ANDREW...

