

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Education regarding Drug ICE

Question from: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

Meeting Date: 12 December 2006

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I refer to my request of 24 October 2006 that Council hold Public Education Seminar on the Drug ICE to educate young people and their parents about the tragic affects this drugs can have on people and the community and that Fact Sheets are distributed throughout Council and all Council youth and community centres and sporting organizations. What is the status of this matter?

Response:

The Director Customer and Community Services advised that he had spoken to the Manly Drug and Alcohol Education Centre. They are addressing the problem broadly, including the big issue of alcohol. The Department of Health has commenced a targeted program on ICE and similar drugs which includes advertising in club papers, street papers, uni papers and posters with information. SHOROC is considering running a program from February 2007 looking at the use of legal and illegal drugs. The Administrator informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting with police, who agree that alcohol is the main problem on the Northern Beaches. He agreed that there is a need to be vigilant in regard to ICE. While it is not possible to undertake the program referred to by Mr De Luca before the holiday period, it will be addressed in the new year.