

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Council Education Regarding the Drug ICE

Question From: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

Meeting Date: 24 June 2008

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I refer to my questions of 2006 and 2007 requesting Council to hold a seminar and provide information to Youth and Community Centres, community and sporting organisations about Drug ICE. I further note that at the Council meeting on 24 April 2007 in response to my concerns Council resolved "That the Director Customer and Community Services prepare a strategy for information dissemination to local community groups on these issues". Could Council please advise whether this strategy was prepared, what date it was implemented and whether I could please be provided with a copy of the strategy?

Response: The Acting Director Community and Environmental Services advised that Council had embedded a strategy in its business plan within the cultural services unit. This was Item number 22 in the Strategic Community Plan where there is support for community education and personal support initiatives being implemented in consultation with the Manly Drug and Education Counselling Centre (MDECC). A key deliverable is the management of information on drugs and alcohol (including the drug ICE) within Council's libraries and community centres, this is called Drug Info at Your Library. Pamphlets have been distributed to the libraries and eight community centres within Warringah. Brochure holders have been installed for easy access to this information and is included in the library budget. The Acting Director also made mention of other initiatives of Council which include: IMPAKT meetings for underage drinkers and their families; annual youth forum; Youthlink; Risky Drinking project; grants offered to community groups dealing with drugs and alcohol and council also employs a youth worker who attends outreach.