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Sharon Bird MP
Federal Member for Cunningham

Boost to Wollongong financial counselling services

Financial counselling services in Wollongong will receive extended Commonwealth Government funding under measures announced in the May 13 Federal Budget, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

Ms Bird said that Mission Australia in Wollongong would receive \$54,000 from the Commonwealth Government to operate expanded Commonwealth Financial Counselling Services.

“This funding has been allocated to ensure that Mission Australia Wollongong is able to continue its activities in 2008-09.

“Commonwealth Financial Counselling Services provide free services to people experiencing personal financial difficulties.

“These can include mortgage stress, cost of living increases and credit card debt”, Ms Bird said.

She said that unemployment, sickness and family breakdown could be factors that increase personal financial difficulties.

“It is really important in these situations that people in financial distress seek, and receive, expert advice at an early stage”, Ms Bird said.

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