



Speech by

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SPORTING CLUBS

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (10.19 am): Recently I was informed that a local sporting club has notified the department of fair trading that it had not renewed the club's incorporation status because, and I quote—

Primarily the reason we have let this arrangement lapse is because with a diminishing player base and an escalating auditing charge this club is unable to afford the outlay necessary on an annual basis to maintain an incorporated status. Such increasing charges have to be met through player fees, and in a predominantly working class area it is difficult to penalise families who only want to see their kids playing in an organized sporting environment, which is contributing to their overall health and wellbeing.

I table a copy of the full letter and a copy of the show cause notice issued by the department of fair trading.

I use this opportunity to call on the minister for small business to extend his current investigation into ways of reducing state government red tape to also look into ways of reducing current state government requirements on sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations and how the state government can be more supportive of our volunteers.