

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 140**  
**Asked on 22 April 2004**

MR J PEARCE asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (MR PITT) –

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of events within the Fitzroy Electorate that are funded by State Government as part of Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Month?

ANSWER:

The theme for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month (May 2004) conveys the message that people in the community have a right to live free from fear for their safety. It reinforces that relationships should be free of violence and abuse. The theme, 'There is no excuse for abuse', was developed in consultation with the Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Council. The theme aims to reflect the community's view that domestic and family violence should not be tolerated.

The *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989* affords legal protection to people in a range of relationships and the theme reflects this intention by encouraging broader sections of the community to organise and participate in Domestic and Family Violence Protection Month activities.

In 2003-04, the Dysart Community Support Group Inc was funded \$575 to run an event during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in the Fitzroy Electorate.

The Dysart Community Support Group Inc conducted a drama performance by the local high school during the Women's Health Wellbeing Expo.

The drama performance was well received by the local community and I applaud the Dysart Community Support Group for the creative use to which these funds were applied.