

**Question on Notice
No. 168
Asked on 22 April 2004**

MR J O'BRIEN asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (MR PITT)

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QUESTION:

With reference to several organisations in the Cook Electorate which have been funded to run events during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month – Will he provide details of these events and say how they promote the message 'There is No Excuse for Abuse'?

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.

In 2003-04, the following four organisations were funded a total of \$4,245 to run events during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in the Cook Electorate:

• Goobidi Bamanga Community Advancement Cooperative Society Ltd	\$1,500
• Kowanyama Justice Group Inc	\$1,100
• Northern Peninsula Area Women's Shelter Inc	\$1,241
• Port Douglas Community Services Network Inc	\$ 404
Total	\$4,245

The Goobidi Bamanga Community Advancement Cooperative Society Ltd was funded to assist in conducting a range of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities in the communities of Mossman and Mossman Gorge. This will be done through a themed street banner, media coverage of the family feast and movie night, poster competition as well as arts and drama activities.

The Kowanyama Justice Group Inc was funded to provide activities including, community engagement, awareness raising and education in the Kowanyama community for the predominantly Indigenous people of the area.

The Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Women's Shelter Inc was funded to provide activities, community engagement, awareness raising and education services in five targeted Indigenous communities in the NPA area, including New Mapoon, Bamaga, Seisa, Umagico and Injinoo. These activities include poster and colouring competition, presentations at Women's Day events conducted in each community, and will include media coverage.

The Port Douglas Community Services Network Inc was funded to conduct 'There is No Excuse for Abuse' awareness raising activities during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. This included distribution of balloons, information packs which include the 1800 Helpline and a banner located in Main Street, Port Douglas, in collaboration with the Queensland Police and Douglas Shire Community Support Services.

I commend each of these organisations on the innovative and creative ways in which they applied the funds provided.

