

Question on Notice
No. 574
Asked on Thursday 20 May 2004

MR WELLINGTON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (**MR MACKENROTH**)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the value of horse riding and related activities to the Queensland economy—

- (1) What is the value of the horse riding and related activities to the south east Queensland economy and how did he calculate this value?
- (2) Does he anticipate this value adding activity will grow in the future and how did he reach this decision?

ANSWER:

There is no information available on the specific economic benefits of horse riding and related activities to South East Queensland.

The Government does recognise that there is strong participation in this activity and that economic benefits flow from the direct employment of riding instructors to expenditure on such items as saddlery, farriers, clothing, travel, transport, accommodation, memberships in clubs, entry and competition fees, down to the purchase of refreshments.

Since 1998 the Queensland Government has provided over \$3 million in funding towards horse riding and related activities in south east Queensland.

This funding has directly contributed to creating and improving facilities and providing activities that have increased opportunities to participate in horse riding and related activities.