

Question on Notice

No. 868

Asked on 18 August 2004

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Ms Clark)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in urban areas such as Woodridge—

- (1) Are there positive policies being developed for service delivery and improving the lot of these families and individuals given the disquiet being experienced following the demise of ATSIC?
- (2) Is there some good news I can deliver to my Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community?

ANSWER:

Yes, there are positive policies being developed for service delivery and improving the lot of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in communities in both urban and rural areas of Queensland.

I draw your attention to the Discussion Paper on Partnerships Queensland that signals a new direction for all partners across the state to work together to achieve a more positive future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The government is 'lifting the bar' for community involvement, governance, service provision, accountability and shared action. Performance will be raised in all these areas to achieve the vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have the same prospects for health, prosperity and quality of life as all Queenslanders.