

**Question on Notice
No. 614
Asked Tuesday, 10 May 2005**

MR MULHERIN the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations
(Mr Barton):

QUESTION:

1. How much assistance has Canegrowers Mackay received from the Department of Employment, Training and Industrial Relations for the Community training Partnership Program?
2. What are the benefits of this program for rural workers?

ANSWER:

1. Since January 2001, Canegrowers Mackay has received \$1,134,220 in funding through the Queensland Government's *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative Community Training Partnership program. This program has assisted 1655 rural workers.
2. Participants have undertaken training to increase their skills in order to find other employment, maintain existing employment, or move into further training.

Participants in their program include:

- Rural workers who are at risk of becoming unemployed due to a downturn in the sugar industry.
- Underemployed workers in the sugar industry who would benefit from additional skills.
- Unemployed people who have previously worked in the sugar industry.
- Family members who have been affected by the downturn who now seek employment.