

Question on Notice
No. 709
Asked Thursday, 12 May 2005

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (**Mr Barton**):

QUESTION:

1. Will he outline all the various programs available in the Woodridge Electorate to assist the unemployed to enter the workplace?
2. Will he advise all the organisations within Logan City which access funding to offer employment programs?
3. What statistics are available to show the success of these programs both in the 2001-2004 term and within this term of government?

ANSWER:

1. The Queensland Government's *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative was introduced in the latter half of 1998 to provide opportunities for young people, the long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged job seekers. A list of programs available in the Woodridge electorate is at **Attachment 1**.
2. A list of organisations within the Logan City local government area, which accessed funding to offer employment programs is at **Attachment 2**.
3. During the 2001-2004 term, a total of \$11.59 million in assistance was provided in the Logan City local government area under the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative to provide opportunities for young people, the long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged job seekers.

A total of 2690 people from the Logan City local government area were assisted with 2123 people having employment outcomes. This includes:

- 1521 people were provided with assistance resulting in 954 job placements through Community Employment Programs; and
- a total of 1169 apprentice and trainee positions.

Between July 2003 and February 2004, one project totalling \$125,000 was delivered in the Logan City local government area under the Government's Get Set for Work (ETRF) program.

Forty one disadvantaged youth aged between 15 and 17 years from the Logan City local government area participated on projects delivered under the Get Set for Work (ETRF) program, with 16 people gaining employment, one entering into part-time training and five returning to school.

During this current term (February 2004 to 17 May 2005), a total of \$4.96 million in assistance has been provided in the Logan City local government area under the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative.

A total of 1031 people from the Logan City local government area have been assisted with 804 employment outcomes. This includes:

- 411 people have been provided with assistance resulting in 184 job placements through Community Employment Programs; and
- a total of 620 apprentice and trainee positions.

One project totalling \$125,000 has been delivered in the Logan City local government area under the Get Set for Work (ETRF) program.

Thirty three disadvantaged youth from the Logan City local government area have participated on projects delivered under the Get Set for Work (ETRF) program, with 11 gaining employment, five entering into part-time training and two returning to school.

Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative programs in the Woodridge electorate.

Long-Term unemployed and those at risk of long-term unemployment.

- **Community Jobs Plan – Work Placements** provides paid work experience for periods of three to six months on a range of public works, community and environmental projects to unemployed people, and those at risk of long-term unemployment. Projects must be of benefit to the broader community with an emphasis on participants gaining training, competencies and work skills in activities that will lead to employment opportunities relevant to local employer needs.
- **Community Jobs Plan – Employment Assistance** funds locally based employment strategies that provided tailored assistance to long-term unemployed people and those at risk of long-term unemployment not eligible for assistance from the Commonwealth Government's Job Network. The assistance provided may include literacy and numeracy assistance, living skills, vocational training, work experience, job search and job placement assistance.
- **Back to Work (Parents and Carers)** targets long-term unemployed parents and carers with customised pre-employment and training assistance to help them find work.

Young People

- **First Start** provides wages subsidies to Queensland public sector agencies and not for profit community organisation to employ apprentices and trainees. First Start creates 2,400 traineeship opportunities each year for young people to gain nationally recognised qualifications and gain paid work experience.
- **Youth Training Incentives** provide public sector and private sector employers cash incentives to increase school-based apprenticeship and traineeship positions, particularly in rural and remote communities. Youth Training Incentives create opportunities for school students to participate in workforce and gain nationally recognised qualifications while at school.
- **Get Set for Work (ETRF)** aims to re-engage early school leavers aged 15 -17 years through a diverse range of activities which provide basic skills for work including the provision of vocational information, motivation, basic skills development and job search skills.

Indigenous People

- **Indigenous Employment and Training Managers** role is to develop and implement employment and training strategies to support the *20% Indigenous Employment Policy* and other local economic development strategies across communities and regions for Indigenous people.
- **Indigenous Employment and Training Support Program** is designed to provide culturally appropriate support for Indigenous apprentices and trainees across nine locations in Queensland. The aim is to increase retention and completion rates for Indigenous apprentices and trainees.

Business and Industry

- **Strategic Employment Development Program** provides incentives to private sector employers and group training organisations who take on additional apprentices in skill shortage trades that are critical to economic development.
- **The State Government Building and Construction Contracts – Structured Training Policy (10% Training Policy).** The Government's 10% Training Policy requires that a minimum of 10% of the labour hours on government building and construction projects be used to increase the skill level in the industry, predominantly through the use of apprentices, trainees, cadets and the upskilling of existing employees.
- **The Building Construction Industry Training Fund** is an industry training fund to encourage skills development by providing incentive payments to employers within the industry in identified skill shortages or low apprentice and trainee intakes.
- **The Worker Assistance Program** offsets the effects of large-scale retrenchments on communities due to workplace closure or industry downturn.

Closely aligned to the labour market programs are a number of community based training initiatives.

- **Community Training Partnerships** provides funding to community and public sector organisations to identify their community's current and future employment needs, and to purchase the appropriate training and the **Community Responsive Program** which provides access to literacy, numeracy and basic vocational skills..

Attachment 2

Since 1998, the following 27 organisations in the Logan City Local government area have accessed funding to offer employment programs:

A.C.C.E.S.S. Inc
Adracare
Blueprint Employment and Training Inc.
BoysTown Link Up
Career Employment Australia
Department of Communities
Department of Families
Family & Kids-Care Foundation Inc
Kingston College Community Centre
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc
Kingston State High School Community Ctr
Learning Netowrk Queensland
Logan City Council
Logan City Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre
Logan Institute of TAFE
Logan West Community Projects Group Inc
Marsden Education Association Inc
Marsden State High School P&C Assoc.
Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corp for Women
Phantast Cultural Music & Arts Association Inc
Queensland Police Citizen Youth Welfare
Regents Park Soccer club Inc
Springwood State High School
Stones Corner Community Training
The Spot Youth Centre
Women Re-entry to Work Association Inc
Youth and Family Services (Logan City)