

Question on Notice

No. 1014

Asked on 7 June 2006

MR FRASER asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

How has Arts Queensland supported artists in my electorate of Mount Coot-tha since 31 March 2005?

ANSWER:

Arts Queensland's Project Grants program provided \$1.9m in 2005-06.

This program supports excellence in the arts, innovation and business growth by providing one-off project funding to individual artists, as well as arts collectives and not for profit organisations working in any artform.

Since 31 March 2005, 21 artists and arts collectives in the Mount Coot-tha electorate have received a total of \$165 866 through this program.

This is the third highest allocation of Project Grants program funds to electorates in the Brisbane region for the same period of time.

For example, two artists who have been supported through the recent March 2006 Up to \$10 000 Project Grants round are:

Mark Vaarwerk who received \$10 000 to create new designs using recycled materials in a highly sophisticated and innovative way. Mr Vaarwerk also has an Australia Council residency in the United Kingdom in 2007 and the catalogue he will produce as part of his Arts Queensland grant will be an excellent marketing tool internationally.

Michael Hofmeyer has also received \$10 000 to produce a jewellery series to exhibit at Workshop Bilk galleries in Canberra, which is an internationally recognised gallery space and teaching facility for contemporary gold and silversmithing, enamelling and glass design.