

Question on Notice
No. 1084
Asked on Friday 9 June 2006

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations and Minister for Sport (MR BARTON)-

QUESTION:

How can sporting organisations in my electorate of Bundamba access assistance to provide healthy lifestyle choices through sport and recreation?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has a strong commitment to build healthier communities by helping more Queenslanders get active through sport and recreation. To facilitate this, local not-for-profit sport or recreation organisations can access a range of sport and recreation funding programs including the:

- Major Facilities Program which provides funding of \$20 million annually to construct, extend or upgrade facilities for community use and regional, State and national levels of sporting competition;
- Minor Facilities Program which provides funding of \$7.5 million annually to clubs to undertake minor construction, extension or upgrade works to local sport and recreation facilities;
- Club Development Program which provides funding of \$3 million annually to clubs to undertake education and training initiatives, participation initiatives and organisational planning;
- Indigenous Community Development Program which provides funding of \$2 million annually to support better opportunities for Indigenous people to participate in sport and active recreation in their communities; and
- Community Partnerships Program will provide funding of \$10 million over three years to local government, schools and community organisations to support innovative and sustainable projects aimed at increasing participation in physical activity and improving healthy eating choices.

The Ipswich City Council can also access funding under the Local Government Development Program for sport and active recreation facilities, participation, education and training and planning initiatives.

In the 2006/07 State Budget local clubs, councils, state sport and recreation bodies and other eligible organisations received \$54.9 million in sport and recreation grants to support over 1,300 projects and initiatives.

Organisations within the Bundamba electorate have been very successful in accessing these funding programs. Since 1998 the Beattie Government has provided funding assistance totalling \$5,371,755 to organisations within the Bundamba electorate to support healthy lifestyles through increased participation in sport and recreation.

In addition to these programs I recently released the Young Athlete Assistance Program which provides limited financial assistance towards the costs associated with travel to and accommodation at State, national or international events, or State school championships for young Queensland athletes who have gained selection to compete at such events.

Sport and Recreation Queensland (SRQ) also conducts workshops and forums across the State which provide State and local level sport and recreation organisations with training and education to improve their capacity to deliver services and participation opportunities to Queenslanders as well as respond to changes in their operating environments.

The *Building Active Communities Regional Workshops* aim to increase skills and knowledge of coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers at the grass roots levels. Workshops are conducted around the State covering topics such as: Risk Management for Committee Members; Club Committees; Modern Volunteer Management; Sports Nutrition; Strength and Conditioning; Inclusive Coaching, Sport Psychology and Creating a Safe Environment for Children and Young People/Blue Card.