

Question on Notice
No. 1559
Asked on 30 November 2006

Mr Lingard, asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the highly successful Behaviour Risk Knowledge, Education (BRAKE) Driver Awareness Training Program aimed at 16-18 year olds which has been operating as a pilot program at the Beaudesert State High School –

Will she outline details of the Government's support for this much needed program and whether there are plans to extend the pilot program into other parts of State?

ANSWER:

The BRAKE program was originally developed by the Northern Beaudesert Police Community Consultative Committee and currently operates as a sub-committee of the Queensland Blue Light Association (QLA) – Jimboomba Branch. The sub-committee is comprised of a range of community and business representatives who are committed to the program which aims to reduce the involvement in traffic violations and accidents by persons under the age of 25 years.

The project sub-committee, at this time, comprises the following people: The Honourable John Mickel MP, Member for Logan, Minister for State Development and Industrial Relations, Chair); Ms Catherine Mickel, (Mickel Consulting [proxy chair]); Lee Dawson (OHS Manager Monadelphous); Jamie McPherson (Partner CLS Lawyers); Aaron McDonough (Teacher, Education Queensland); Dr. Robert McCartney (National Director of Occupational Medicine, Health Services Group Australia); Mr. Patrick Martin CPA, (Commercial Manager, AMCOR Ltd.); and Sergeant Robert Duncan (Jimboomba Police representing QLA). Partner nominee members are: John Fronis, (Beaudesert Shire Councillor); Kym Maxwell (Senior Road Safety Advisor, Queensland Transport); and Bronwyn Davies (Staff member, Beaudesert Shire Council). Michael Pattinson, (film producer), Ms Noni Hazlehurst AM and Ian Marden (TV producer/promoter) serve as advisors to the sub-committee. Further partners/advisors are sought as required.

The BRAKE program has been supported by community groups, local businesses, and government agencies. There have also been expressions of interest by some larger corporations to contribute to the program. Negotiations with these businesses are ongoing.

The Beaudesert Shire Council provided a grant of \$25,000, from its Community Wellbeing Grant Scheme, to assist with the co-ordination of the project during the development phase.

Various government agencies have contributed by providing advice to the project committee and have also provided significant 'in kind' support by allowing their employees to work on various components of the program on a needs basis. These agencies include the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Queensland Transport, and Education Queensland in the form of the state secondary schools involvement within the Beaudesert Shire.

Whilst this assistance is essential to the development of the project, the project is primarily a community based venture.

Proposals to expand the program will be subject to the outcomes of the pilot evaluation and the level of support within individual communities.