

Question on Notice
No. 186
Asked Wednesday, 1 March 2006

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

QUESTION:

How many programs have been run under the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle in the Ipswich West Electorate during 2004-05 and 2005-06 and will he give details of the outcomes from these training programs?

ANSWER:

In the Ipswich West electorate between 1 July 2004 and 28 February 2006, a total of nine community employment program projects have been approved under the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative. Funding for these projects totals \$810,842 which have assisted 147 people and resulted in 57 people obtaining jobs. This can be broken down into:

- The Community Jobs Plan – Work Placement program has funded six projects totalling \$610,392 and assisted 67 people, resulting in 25 job outcomes to date.
- The Community Jobs Plan – Employment Assistance program has funded two projects totalling \$120,000 and assisted 63 people, resulting in 32 job outcomes to date.
- Get Set for Work program has funded one project a total of \$80,450 to assist 17 young people.

Strategic Development Employment Program (Private Sector)

Under this program, during the financial years 2004/05 and 2005/06, 90 private sector employers and group training organisations received \$215,000 in funding. This boosted employment opportunities for 110 apprentices and trainees in the Ipswich West Electorate.

Ipswich West Electorate	App	Trainees	Total	No of employers & GTOs	Funding
Financial year 2004/05	56	6	62	49	\$119,000
Financial year 2005/06 (up to 28/2/06)	48	0	48	41	\$96,000
TOTAL	104	6	110	90	\$215,000

First Start program

This program funds public sector agencies, including State Government Departments, Local Government Authorities, State Statutory Authorities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Councils and not for profit community organisations to employ additional full-time trainees. During the financial years 2004/05 and 2005/06, a total of \$600,000 provided 42 full-time traineeship opportunities to young Queenslanders in the Ipswich West Electorate.

Ipswich West Electorate	F/T Trainees	Funding
Financial year 2004/05	33	\$456,000
Financial year 2005/06 (up to 28/2/06)*	9	\$144,000
TOTAL	42	\$600,000

*These are progressive figures and it is anticipated that the same level of trainees will be reached as previous financial years.

Youth Training Incentive

This program boosts opportunities for young people to enter the workforce either during or after completion of their senior secondary education through school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and provides access for under-represented students such as those in rural and remote Queensland. During the financial years 2004/05 and 2005/06, two employment opportunities attracting a total of \$8,000 in funding were provided to young Queenslanders in the Ipswich West Electorate under this program.

Please note that these figures are for the public sector pathway only. The private sector pathway is not applicable for the Ipswich West Electorate, as an identified rural and remote area.

Ipswich West Electorate (public sector pathway)	S/B Trainees	Funding
Financial year 2004/05	2	\$8,000
Financial year 2005/06 (up to 28/2/06)*	0	0
TOTAL	2	\$8,000

*These are progressive figures and it is anticipated that the same level of trainees will be reached as previous financial years.