

**Question on Notice**

**No. 219**

**Asked on 2 March 2006**

**MR FENLON** asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) -

**QUESTION:**

What is he doing to support youth arts organisations in Queensland?

**ANSWER:**

Our Government continues to provide strong support for youth arts programs and initiatives across Queensland.

Our most talented young Queenslanders are being given support to establish careers in Queensland's creative and cultural industries. For example, we are investing \$900,000 over the next three years to provide more opportunities for emerging young artists.

The expanded program involves the introduction of three key enhancements:

- an 'outreach' space in Caboolture expanding the reach of the Transit Lounge
- a website or 'virtual Transit Lounge' for increased access to resources and
- a schools program aimed at Years 10-12.

Other current Government programs supporting the artistic and educational development of children and young people include initiatives such as:

- Transit Lounge Creative Industries Resource Centre and the Young Artists Mentoring Program, delivered by Youth Arts Queensland
- A-Venue Youth Contemporary Music Initiative delivered by four local councils and the non-government organisation Artsync based on the Sunshine Coast
- Out of the Box Early Childhood Festival delivered by the Queensland Performing Arts Trust
- Kids Asia Pacific Triennial delivered by the Queensland Art Gallery
- Cine Sparks Australian Film Festival for Young People delivered by the Pacific Film and Television Commission
- Reading Rulz! and Dive into a Book reading programs also delivered by the State Library of Queensland and
- The Science Centre delivered by the Queensland Museum.