QUESTION ON NOTICE No. 261 Asked on Tuesday, 7 March 2006

MRS C SULLIVAN asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

How can we better promote fishing clinics in the Pumicestone Electorate?

ANSWER:

Fishing clinics in the Pumicestone Electorate could be promoted by encouraging fishing clubs and other community based organisations to apply for grants to hold such events.

Grants are provided by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) to community based, not for profit, clubs, societies and associations to undertake projects to enhance recreational fisheries in their regions.

The first round of grants provided \$50,000 to 16 clubs and societies across Queensland to undertake a wide range of projects. Ten of the grants were provided to undertake fishing clinics, angler education and promotion of recreational fisheries of their region.

The DPI&F intends to invite applications for grants in the near future. The grants program will be promoted through media release and the DPI&F website (www.dpi.qld.gov.au). Local Members of Parliament will also be sent letters to inform them of the program.

I would also encourage you to bring this opportunity to the attention of fishing clubs, residents associations and other community based organisations within the Pumicestone Electorate, which might be interested in holding clinics.