

Question on Notice

No. 377

Asked on Thursday, 9 March 2006

Ms CROFT asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (MS BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

How have Community Gaming Benefit Fund grants assisted community groups in the electorate of Broadwater in the period from January 2001 to the latest round this year?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for Broadwater for her interest in the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund was established in 1994 as a joint initiative of the Queensland Government and the club and hotel industries. The Fund returns to Queenslanders a percentage of revenue raised from taxes placed on wagering, Golden Casket lotteries, keno and gaming machines.

It gives me great pleasure to advise that 55 grants totalling \$684,672 have been approved to community groups in the Broadwater electorate in the period January 2001 to March 2006. These grants have been made for a diverse range of purposes from the purchase of equipment and sail training boats to upgrading of halls and facilities.

The grants provide hardworking local groups with much needed funding, allowing them to continue their important contribution to communities throughout Queensland. Not-for-profit groups build community cohesion and increase participation in community events and recreational and sporting activities, for which they deserve to be applauded.

It's great to see this grants program has been able to help so many local organisations continue their good work in providing vital services to our communities.