

Question on Notice

No. 630

Asked on Friday, 21 April 2006

MS MILLER MP asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

What initiatives are being undertaken to increase awareness about domestic and family violence prevention and how they will benefit my electorate of Bundamba?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities has allocated over \$55,000 to assist community organisations to plan and conduct activities during the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month 2006, occurring this month.

The Ipswich Women's Centre against Domestic Violence has been funded to conduct a range of activities focussed upon domestic and family violence prevention. These include:

- an information and barbecue and stall at Inala Civic centre on 11 May
- a Samoan Women's Forum called 'Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence' on 12 May
- a transition program at the Women's Jail on 18 May
- a young people's workshop called 'Pacifika Samoa says no to Domestic and Family Violence' on 19 May
- a static information display at Richlands and Ipswich courts on 22 and 23 May
- a 'Pacifika Youth Sports Day' on 26 May
- the 'Boonah Family Fun Day' on 3 June.

The department launched an art competition for secondary and tertiary art students during the Month, encouraging youth to start thinking about the effects of domestic and family violence and distributed new Kids Help Cards to schools throughout Queensland. All schools in the Ipswich area were encouraged to be involved.

Television advertisements running in May urge people who use abuse to stop and seek help.

The key messages of this campaign are:

- Domestic and family violence. See the signs. Be the solution; and
- Every man must take a stand – against domestic and family violence.

The presentation of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards at Parliament House held on Thursday, 4 May recognised excellence in the prevention of domestic and family violence. The Ipswich Women's Centre against Domestic Violence was awarded an Honourable Mention for their Samoan Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Project.