

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 686**  
**Asked on 10 May 2006**

MR McNAMARA asked the Minister for Small Business, Information Technology Policy and Multicultural Affairs (MR CUMMINS) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Yag'ubi World Festival held in Hervey Bay recently —

Will he advise what financial support the Government provided to Yag'ubi in 2006 and how this assists my community of Hervey Bay?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question and thank him for representing me at this festival.

The Queensland Government is committed to fostering a positive community relations environment in the State. In my portfolio, grants are available under the Multicultural Assistance Program (MAP) for multicultural festivals, events and projects that provide opportunities for Queenslanders to interact and learn from each other irrespective of their cultural and religious backgrounds. This creates and sustains community harmony.

The Yag'ubi World Festival in Hervey Bay demonstrates the vitality of a part of Queensland which is home to people from many different ethnic backgrounds. In 2006 Danish, Brazilian, Celtic, African, Maori and Indigenous music featured in performances by more than 30 artists.

This year the festival received \$45,000 in grants from the Queensland Government including \$10,000 from MAP, \$20,000 from Queensland Events Regional Development Program and \$15,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Yag'ubi raises awareness of the need for racial and cultural understanding through collaborative community activities. The event provides a clear message of diversity being ever-present, visible and highly valued.

The Queensland Government was proud to support the Yag'ubi World Festival.