

**Question on Notice
No. 867
Asked on 25 May 2006**

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

QUESTION:

Will he outline the benefits of the Multicultural Assistance Program and how this program can assist groups in my area?

ANSWER:

The Multicultural Assistance Program is a key component of the Queensland Government's *Multicultural Queensland – making a world of difference* policy.

The program aims to strengthen multiculturalism in Queensland by celebrating diversity and promoting cohesion and harmony within Queensland's culturally diverse society. The program provides opportunities for Queenslanders to participate in a broad range of cultural activities and supports community development.

The Multicultural Assistance Program provides funding to non-profit incorporated community organisations, local councils and tertiary institutions for festivals, events, activities and projects.

You will be interested to know that last year Queenslanders Advocating Culture Association received a grant to undergo a report to improve service delivery to Pacific Island, South Sea Islander and Torres Strait Islanders.

In 2006-07, a total \$665,000 is available for distribution for submission-based grants. The program is now open and will close on 28 July 2006.

I encourage communities and organisations to apply for funding for projects to help Queenslanders celebrate cultural diversity in the Smart State.