

Question on Notice

No. 990

Asked on 6 June 2006

MS NELSON CARR asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the 16th Australian Festival of Chamber Music which is due to unfold in Townsville in July with assistance of \$60 000 in funding through Arts Queensland's Cultural Infrastructure Program (CIP) —

What other events and/or arts groups in the Townsville region benefit from CIP?

ANSWER:

In 2006 the Queensland Government through my departments Arts Queensland provided \$965 643 in support of CIP companies in the Townsville area. This funding is awarded for the calendar year and not the financial year to align with company programming.

The 2005-06 budget provided an additional \$2.5m per annum to arts programs across Queensland, including Townsville funded CIP companies.

This additional money has helped support innovative new works, touring and business development activities for companies in the Townsville area.

For example, in 2005, Townsville based company Dancenorth produced *lawn* in partnership with the Brisbane Powerhouse and subsequently toured the production to the Perth and Sydney Festivals, as well as Tanzplatform in Stuttgart in Germany in 2006.

They have also received additional funding of \$50 000 for 2006 for improved marketing and production values, regional audience growth (including Cairns), increased creative development of new work and international collaborations.

A summary of core funding for Townsville-based CIP organisations for the 2006 calendar year follows:

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Australian Festival of Chamber Music	\$62 498
Dancenorth	\$511 497
Extensions Youth Dance Company	\$41 665
Tropic Sun Theatre Company	\$104 163
Interplay	\$28 123
La Luna Youth Arts	\$66 800
Umbrella Studios	\$150 897
TOTAL	\$965 643