

Question on Notice
No. 160
Asked on Tuesday, 20 February 2007

MR ROBERTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT,
EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) –

QUESTION:

Will he provide a summary of community employment programs which have provided benefits for my constituents for the current and previous financial years?

ANSWER:

In the Member's Electorate of Nudgee, between October 1998 and December 2006, *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* provided funding totalling \$8.02 million to assist 1,502 people of which 1,149 obtained employment. Overall, 33 projects were approved in the Nudgee Electorate and it is pleasing to note they were across a broad range of initiatives, namely

- 19 Community Jobs Plan – Work Placements
- 10 Community Jobs Plan – Employment Assistance
- 2 Back to Work – Parents and Carers
- 2 Youth Programs

Whilst the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative has been very successful, it will cease in June 2007 and will be replaced by *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* as part of the ongoing changes under the *Queensland Skills Plan*. Under *Skilling Queenslanders for Work*, skilling opportunities will be created for 16,780 Queenslanders disadvantaged in the labour market through an annual investment of \$80.75 million.