Question on Notice
No. 1816
Asked on Thursday 1 November 2007

MR PURCELL asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Young Athlete Assistance Program —
(1) How many young athletes in Queensland have received assistance from this program?
(2) What other financial assistance does the Government provide to sporting organisations and individuals involved in junior sport to encourage increased participation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bulimba for his question.

(1) Since the Young Athlete Assistance Program was released in May 2006 over 6 500 young athletes have received financial assistance to compete at State or State School Championship events. The financial assistance provided to the athletes and their families under this Program encourages continued participation in sport and the development of future champions.

(2) In addition to the Young Athlete Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance to individual young athletes, not-for-profit sporting organisations and local governments can apply for funding through the Department of Sport and Recreation for facility and organisational development projects.

Under the Minor Facilities Program eligible organisations can apply for funding to undertake minor construction, extension or upgrade works to sport and recreation facilities for local sporting competitions and for community participation in active recreation.

The Major Facilities Program provides funding to eligible organisations to develop and enhance sport and active recreation infrastructure to meet community participation needs and support local, regional and state levels of competition.

The Club Development Program provides funding to eligible organisations to undertake education and training initiatives, participation initiatives and organisational planning.

The Indigenous Community Development Program provides financial assistance to Aboriginal Shire Councils, Torres Strait Islander Councils and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to support better opportunities for Indigenous people to participate in sport and active recreation in their communities.

The Local Sport and Recreation Program provides funding to local governments, Aboriginal Shire Councils and Torres Strait Islander Councils. This Program aims to provide increased or enhanced opportunities for participation at all levels through active recreation and sports programs, competitions and events and deliver recreation and sporting infrastructure to meet the participation needs of Queensland communities.