Question on Notice No. 289 Asked on 6 March 2007

QUESTION:

MR MOORHEAD asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

What has the State Government done to support the celebration of Chinese New Year in Logan this year?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting our very diverse Queensland communities and this includes members of Logan's Chinese community. The Queensland Government, through Multicultural Affairs Queensland, provided the Queensland Chinese United Council a grant of \$3,000 for their New Year festival gala that was held on 24 February at Logan Entertainment Centre to celebrate this, the "Year of the Pig".

The event was a stand out success and the organisers can be proud of their efforts. Chinese New Year is one of the most popular cultural events not just in Logan but across the State of Queensland.

The concert featured performances from the Chinese Future Children Art Troupe from the People's Republic of China and talented young people from the local Chinese community.

Queensland's Chinese community have made a significant contribution in all areas of our society including the State's economic development, science, education, arts and, of course, politics through my Parliamentary colleague and Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Michael Choi.

I wish to congratulate members of Queensland's Chinese community for their wonderful traditions and festivals, events that have helped enrich our diverse multicultural society.

The Chinese New Year celebrations in Logan were not just for the Chinese, but for the wider community as well, as the event brought many members from our very diverse community together as one.