

## Question on Notice

No. 34

Asked on Tuesday, 6 February 2007

**MR LINGARD MP** asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (**MR PITT**) -

- With reference to the Disaster Relief grants made available by the Department of Communities (reported separately by each type of grant available) —
  - (1) How many grants have been awarded to victims of Cyclone Larry?
  - (2) How much financial assistance has been distributed?

### **ANSWER:**

- I appreciate the opportunity to provide an update on the grant funding disbursed by the Department of Communities to assist the people of Far North Queensland recover from the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Larry.
- The Department of Communities offers three types of assistance under the Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements: emergent assistance grants (Phase 1); essential household contents assistance (Phase 2); and structural grants for repairs to dwellings (Phase 3).
- Phase 1 emergent assistance grant funding closed on 9 April 2006. All 13,897 applications received by the department have been processed and \$5.5 million in emergent assistance was paid.
- Phase 2 essential household contents assistance closed on 3 May 2006. The Department of Communities received 3,883 eligible applications and all have been processed. More than \$3.5 million in Phase 2 grants was paid.
- Phase 3 applications for structural repairs closed on 1 December 2006. The department has received 294 eligible applications to date. Of the applications processed, \$2.5 million in payments have been made.
- In total, \$11.5 million of Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements funding has been allocated by the Department of Communities to assist the people of Far North Queensland recover from Tropical Cyclone Larry.