

Question on Notice

No. 391

Asked on Thursday, 8 March 2007

MR HAYWARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

What funding has been provided under the Community Jobs Plan and other programs administered by his department to assist unemployed residents of the Kallangur Electorate during the past 12 months?

ANSWER:

Under the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative, the Queensland Government has been helping disadvantaged jobseekers to enter or return to the paid workforce since October 1998 and during 2006/07 this initiative will transition to the new *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* initiative.

Since October 1998 when the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative was introduced and up to December 2006, \$8.102 million has been invested in the Kallangur Electorate. This funding has provided employment and training assistance for 1,707 people with 1,454 of those assisted getting a job. More specifically, \$2.173 million has been approved for 12 Community Jobs Plan projects providing work placements within the electorate.

The *Get Set for Work – Caboolture* project, run by the Caboolture Area Youth Service, was approved and completed in January of this year benefiting 15-17 year old youth from the Kallangur electorate. This project resulted in 66% of participants finding jobs and 39% undergoing training. The project's main objective was the re-entry of 44 early school leavers into mainstream education or entry into employment or vocational training.