

Question on Notice

No. 657

Asked on Thursday, 19 April 2007

MR BOMBOLAS 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**)–

Will he detail how his department and the State Government is helping the Salvation Army, in particular for its Red Shield Appeal?

ANSWER:

The government recognises the important role that the Salvation Army plays in supporting vulnerable people in the community. I am told the Salvation Army helps more than 1.5 million Australians every year – that's around one person every 20 seconds.

The Department of Communities provides annual funding of \$3.3 million to the Salvation Army to deliver counselling and support services, supported accommodation and community development activities around the state.

In addition, during the last 14 years, the Department of Communities and its former entities has contributed over half a million dollars to the Red Shield Appeal. It was with great pleasure that I attended the launch of this year's Red Shield Appeal on 17 April 2007 and presented the annual cheque to the organisation. The Salvation Army rely on donations to the Red Shield appeal to cover anything up to 25% of their annual costs.

Through its network of welfare centres and diverse programs, the Salvation Army has a proven history of providing service and support. I look forward to an ongoing association between the government and the Salvation Army for many years to come. Not just though the services we directly fund, but by supporting the Red Shield Appeal and encouraging all Queenslanders to give generously.