

Question on Notice
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Asked on Thursday, 8 February 2007

MS DARLING asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (MR FRASER)—

QUESTION:

Because of the importance of keeping children active and healthy, will he detail the financial opportunities for organisations and individuals involved in children's sport and recreation activities to encourage increased participation?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government has a strong commitment to building healthier communities by helping more Queenslanders get active through sport and active recreation. To facilitate this, the Government provides financial assistance through various facility and organisation development funding programs targeted at State, regional and local sporting organisations, local governments and individuals aspiring to pursue their sporting dreams.

The Member would be aware that last October, I launched the Young Athlete Assistance Program where individuals under the age of 18 can apply for \$200 funding towards travel and accommodation costs if selected to represent Queensland at a State championship. With a budget of \$2 million for this financial year, nearly 10,000 young Queensland athletes will potentially benefit from this program.

A number of other programs provide financial assistance to local governments and community organisations to improve or provide junior sport and recreation participation opportunities. For example:

- The Club Development Program, which has an annual budget of \$3 million, provides financial assistance to not-for-profit sporting clubs to undertake education and training initiatives, participation initiatives and organisational planning. Organisations can receive 100 percent financial assistance to a maximum of \$4,000. Applications under this program close on 5 April 2007.
- The Minor Facilities Program has an annual budget of \$7.5 million and provides financial assistance to sporting clubs to undertake minor construction, extension or upgrade works to local sport and recreation facilities. Organisations may receive financial assistance of up to 67 percent of the total eligible project cost. The total eligible cost of the project must be a maximum of \$200,000 (GST exclusive). Applications under this program close on 5 April 2007.
- The Major Facilities Program has a \$20 million notional budget and helps to develop new or upgraded sport and active recreation facilities at community and regional competition levels. The total eligible cost of a project must be a minimum of \$200,000. As an outcome of the Obesity Summit held in 2006, the Premier announced a package of initiatives including a new policy framework for community use of school facilities. The Major Facilities Program and the Local Sport and Recreation Program now offer assistance to State schools and public

universities to deliver facilities which can be used by the school and the community for sport and recreation purposes.

- The Local Sport and Recreation Program, which has an annual budget of \$5 million, provides financial assistance to local governments, Aboriginal shire councils and Torres Strait Islander community councils to provide increased and enhanced participation opportunities for all community members.
- 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 Queensland Community Partnerships Grants Program is an initiative announced by the Premier at the Queensland Obesity Summit in May 2006. The program will provide \$10 million over three years to encourage local governments, Indigenous councils, state sport and recreation organisations, community organisations, schools and universities to develop innovative programs aimed at improving healthy eating and increasing physical activity in our local communities.