

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1732**

**Asked on 12 November 2008**

Mr Knuth asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Capella State High School P & C Association's very successful *Bullarama* fundraising event, which has raised on average \$14000 per year for the last seven years and recent advice that it can no longer host the popular event because the Professional Bull Rider's Association who runs it is sponsored by Bundaberg Rum (even though the P&C Association receives no direct funding from Bundaberg Rum) —

Will the decision to cancel this highly successful event be reversed and if not, will he guarantee funding to the school to replace that lost as a result?

**ANSWER:**

The *Bullarama* event has not been cancelled at this point in time.

I am surprised the member would consider it appropriate for activities involving schools and school students to be sponsored by companies promoting alcohol or any other products that are potentially harmful to the health of students.

As I'm sure the member would be aware, Education Queensland has a clearly documented policy prohibiting this.

Capella State High School Parents and Citizens' Association is considering a list of available dates from other bull riding associations should it choose to host an event in 2009. It is also investigating alternative fundraising opportunities and will decide on its key fund raising activities for 2009 as determined by a parent survey.