

Question on Notice
No. 1749
Asked on 13 November 2008

MS LILLIAN VAN LITSENBURG MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MRS KEECH)-

QUESTION:

“What has been done in Redcliffe to support young girls into employment?”

ANSWER:

During 2008, the Bligh Government has been involved in two key initiatives aimed at supporting young women into employment in the Redcliffe area. This includes:

In The Pink

A Women in Trades Grant awarded by the Office for Women to the Australian Technical College for their "In The Pink" young women's try-a-trade project. The event was held on 22 October and invited young women to participate in a series of hands-on trades activities. The project's anticipated outcome includes an increase in young women considering careers in non-traditional trades and taking up further study in the field.

The “In The Pink” project raises awareness amongst parents regarding career choices available to female children. The Australian Technical College anticipates 14 female year 11 students will enrol in trade-related courses in 2009.

Women in Construction Week

In addition, the Office for Women in partnership with Construction Skills Queensland held Women in Construction Week try-a-trade events for women across south east Queensland in March 2008. An event was held at the Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Bracken Ridge for young women from surrounding suburbs on 12 March 2008.

This event encouraged school age women to consider trades based careers and featured a panel session supported by female industry speakers. A practical component to the day included the opportunity to try out trades such as tiling, plumbing and carpentry.

The Bligh Government is committed to ensuring better outcomes for Queensland women and is pleased to be able to support programs that encourage young women into employment.