

Question on Notice

No. 1835

Asked on 26 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Small Business Solutions program -

How many small businesses have taken advantage of the mentoring service since its introduction?

ANSWER:

As at 1 December 2008, 625 small business operators are registered for the mentoring service offered by the Small Business Solutions program. This program provides invaluable assistance in improving the commercial growth and viability of small businesses throughout Queensland.

Small Business Solutions makes use of experts, mentors and successful small business managers to deliver one on one, peer to peer business-based mentoring services. It builds on a global business skills health check tool that identifies key strengths and challenges and creates an individual skills plan for each business.

Business owners engaged in the service have reported a range of highly successful results, many reporting immediate improvement in their profitability. The mentoring program has allowed business owners to access affordable business mentoring while simultaneously achieving recognised qualifications.