Question on Notice

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Asked on Tuesday 29 April 2008

MR PHIL WEIGHTMAN MP asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth (**MS LINDY NELSON-CARR**)–

As 5 to 13 April 2008 was designated as Youth Week with a theme of 'Shout. Share. Live. Unite.'— Will she inform the House of how this event was supported by the Government and of any reported outcomes?

ANSWER:

The government is committed to promoting and celebrating the contribution of young people to our communities; Youth Week 2008 delivered on this commitment.

In 2008, the Department of Communities distributed $90,046 in grant funding for Youth Week events across Queensland. Funded events included a cultural awareness camp, sporting and musical events and awards ceremonies. 25 organisations each received grants of up to $9,350 to deliver their events.

Over 150 funded and non-funded events were registered on the "*Generate*" youth website and the National Youth Week calendar of events.

Support was provided to five award-winning young filmmakers from the Young Filmmakers Festival Queensland to film a range of funded events that will feature in a documentary on Youth Week. This DVD was funded by Commonwealth funds allocated for Youth Week and will be used to promote Youth Week in future years.

The Queensland Government also provided support to the National online forum — in the virtual environment of Second Life. The purpose of the forum was to test the virtual world as a vehicle for engaging with young people. Discussion included Youth Week and a range of current issues that are of concern to young people.

This year there was also significant work done by the department in promoting Youth Week. 10,000 packs of information and promotional products were distributed to organisations across Queensland in March. The packs were provided to 94 different organisations.

In addition to the live events happening in Youth Week across Queensland, the department held an online competition on the "*Generate*" youth website, which aimed to increase young people's access to Youth Week from across the state. Using a variety of media, the online competition asked young people to express 'the meaning of community' or to raise an issue affecting young people today. Over 150 entries were received from young people aged 12-25. The judging of entries is currently underway and the young people who entered the competition are in the running to win laptops and cash prizes worth $2,000.

Indications are that Youth Week achieved its purpose of acknowledging the contribution young people make to the Queensland community.