Question on Notice No. 1395 Asked on 6 October 2009

MR HOBBS asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's announcement in relation to the Sustainable Resource Community Agreement -

Will the Premier advise, from 31 August 2008 to date, (a) the names of the organisations that received funding (reported separately) from this funding program, (b) the number of applications rejected for funding and why, and (c) what level of funds are yet to be allocated under this program?

ANSWER:

The \$100M associated with the Sustainable Resource Communities policy was originally intended to fund social and economic infrastructure in key mining communities over a three year period from 2009-10. As a result of the global financial crisis, I announced on 22 January 2009 that funding for projects that would provide an alternate source of jobs for people living in resource communities heavily impacted by the economic downturn would be prioritised and brought forward.

Details of individual projects that have been announced are at Attachment 1.

The program is managed under an agreement with a Partnership Group comprising of the Queensland Resources Council, Local Government Association of Queensland, relevant local councils and the State Government. A extensive list of potential projects have been identified and prioritised during detailed consultation with the Partnership Group.

Over 60 projects were subsequently put forward and considered through the 2009-10 State Budget process.

23 projects have been announced to date with the balance of the projects still under consideration. Priority was given to those projects that created the maximum number of jobs.

To date approximately \$60M of projects have been announced leaving approximately \$40M yet to be allocated. It is likely that the balance of the funding will be allocated through the 2010-11 budget cycle.

The number of jobs estimated to be created based on the current project expenditure of \$60M is up to 500 full time equivalent.

Attachment 1 – Question on Notice No. 1395 of 2009

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE COMMUNITIES Announced Funding

Projects announced 22 January 2009

Project Name	Community	Total Funding (\$M)	Name of organisation receiving funding
Moura Aquatic Centre Upgrade of existing facility including heating.	Moura	1.00	Banana Shire Council
Moura Youth Centre Funding for infrastructure for new youth centre	Moura	0.50	Banana Shire Council
Emerald Driver Training & Motorsport Complex This project will involve a facility for Driver Training, Heavy Plant Operator Training and a Motorsport element.	Emerald	2.00	Central Highlands Regional Council
Rolleston Emergency Services Unit New facility	Rolleston	0.27	Central Highlands Regional Council
Upgrade of Ardurad Road between Blackwater and BMA Central Administration Centre turn-off	Blackwater	4.50	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Hunter Street Sports Complex Development The proposed Hunter Street Sports Complex Development extends on an existing key leisure asset within the community.	Blackwater	1.50	Central Highlands Regional Council
Road Safety Improvements on the Peak Downs Highway Intersection upgrades Peak Downs Highway - Fitzroy Development Road, Peak Downs Highway - Moranbah Access Road Heavy vehicle stopping places and overtaking lane	Multiple	5.00	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Moranbah Affordable Accommodation Project The construction of this accommodation is underway and will be completed in 4 stages.	Moranbah	3.50	Isaac Regional Council
Moranbah Health Staff Accommodation Accommodation for clinical staff - provision of 4x2 bedroom units - 1 in Moranbah, 1 in Clermont and 2 in Dysart.	Moranbah, Clermont, Dysart	1.60	Queensland Health
Middlemount Community Health Centre Extension and Renovations	Middlemount	0.65	Queensland Health
Upgrade of Russell Park Road and Wolfgang Access Road, Clermont.	Clermont	1.50	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Nebo Emergency Services Centre Funding requested for minor works to the existing ambulance station.	Nebo	0.015	Department of Community Safety (QAS)
Moranbah Emergency Services Centre Upgrade of existing facility and build accommodation.	Moranbah	1.19	Isaac Regional Council

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Expansion of Childcare Capacity in the Bowen Basin * Upgrade of Blackwater Childcare Centre and Kindergarten * Upgrade and expand existing Clermont Childcare Centre * Refurbish and extend capacity of Middlemount Childcare Centre * Upgrade and expand Moura Childcare Centre * Upgrade and expand Theodore Childcare Centre * Construction of a new facility at Moranbah	Blackwater, Clermont, Middlemount, Moura, Theodore, Moranbah	3.65	Office of Childcare in Department of Education and Training have received the funds from Treasury. Funding has to date been distributed to two local community and private organisations including Theodore Early Childhood Centre and Clermont Kindergarten & Day Care Association Inc. Proposals for Blackwater, Middlemount and Moranbah have been received and are being assessed. The Moura proposal is expected shortly.

Projects announced during the 2009 Election Campaign

Project Name	Community	Total	Name of
		Funding	organisation
		(\$M)	receiving funding
Road Safety Improvements on the Capricorn Highway	Multiple in	6.00	Department of
	Bowen Basin		Transport and
			Main Roads
Upgrade of the Cloncurry Pool	Cloncurry	0.40	Cloncurry Shire
			Council
Cloncurry Hospital Aged Care Annexe	Cloncurry	6.50	Queensland Health
Flinders Highway	Multiple in	4.90	Department of
Flood mitigation improvements between Julia Creek	North West		Transport and
and Cloncurry at Box Creek and Holley Joe Creek			Main Roads

Residence / accommodation for police in Mount Isa	Mount Isa	2.70	Queensland Police Service
Mount Isa Staff Accommodation	Mount Isa	1.82	Queensland Health
Health staff accommodation - provision of 2x4			
bedroom and 1x3 bedroom dwellings in Mount Isa			
Mount Isa Hospital Redevelopment Project	Mount Isa	0.80	Queensland Health
Improved accommodation for renal dialysis patients			
Gregory Camooweal Road Surface Extension	Multiple in	5.00	Department of
	North West		Transport and
			Main Roads

Project announced 18 September 2009

Project Name	Community	Total	Name of
		Funding	organisation
		(\$M)	receiving funding
Upgrade of Cloncurry – Dajarra Road	Cloncurry,	5.00	Department of
	Dajarra		Transport and Main
			Roads