

## Question on Notice

No. 1841

Asked on Tuesday 24 November 2009

**MS GRACE GRACE MP** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MS STRUTHERS)—

Will the Minister advise how funded non-government organisations in my electorate of Brisbane Central will benefit from the additional \$414m over four years for the community sector?

### ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has provided a total of \$16 million to 67 community services within the Brisbane Central electorate in 2009–10 under the *Community Services Act 2007*.

The Government's determination to fund core services ensured the delivery of significant funding for community services in the 2009–10 State Budget.

In November 2008, the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission introduced the new Queensland Community Services and Crisis Assistance Award 2008. This decision led to the increase of wage levels for community sector workers.

The Queensland Government recognises that the additional wage pressures can translate into service delivery constraints to high priority clients. To alleviate these increasing pressures, the Government has committed a total of \$414 million over four years.

To ensure ongoing service provision to highly dependant clients, the Department of Communities prioritised these funds to non-government organisations.

Funds will enable organisations to provide a range of services including domestic and family violence prevention, homelessness services, multicultural services, public intoxication prevention and youth development services.