

Question on Notice

No. 522

Asked on Tuesday 23 March 2010

MR RYAN asked the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships (MS BOYLE) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Bligh Government is working with organisations such as the RSPCA and Animal Welfare League to promote responsible pet ownership?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Morayfield for his question.

The Bligh Government launched a State-wide education campaign in September last year at the Animal Welfare League of Queensland on the Gold Coast, using the opportunity to call on pet owners to exercise responsibility for their animals.

The education campaign involves posters, flyers, fact sheets, an advertisement in local papers and online resources to explain the new animal management legislation and the responsibilities that people take on when they become pet owners.

To date the Animal Welfare League of Queensland received 400 posters and 2 000 flyers, RSPCA Queensland received 700 posters and 2 000 flyers, the Canine Control Council of Queensland and the Queensland Feline Association both have received 50 posters and 500 flyers, and the Queensland Branch of the Australian Veterinary Association Queensland received 30 posters and 30 flyers. In total, over 2 000 posters and over 60 000 flyers have been distributed to various veterinarians, pet shops, Local Governments and other stakeholders throughout Queensland.

As the State-funded pilot studies in the Logan and Gold Coast City Councils and the Townsville and Moreton Bay Regional Councils wind up next year and the results are analysed, the Queensland Government will undertake a review of the Animal Management Legislation. Key stakeholders such as RSPCA Queensland, Animal Welfare League of Queensland and the Australian Veterinary Association Queensland will be consulted on important policy issues such as mandatory desexing, cat curfews and cat enclosures. The Queensland Government appreciates the support of key stakeholders in helping to achieve the ultimate goal of reducing cat and dog euthanasia rates at Queensland pounds and shelters through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.