

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 15

asked on Wednesday, 13 February 2013

MR MINNIKIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how children in the Chatsworth Electorate will benefit from the Get in the Game vouchers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Government's Get in the Game comprises three new funding programs under its \$18 million grassroots sport and recreation initiative. The three programs — *Get Started*, *Get Going* and *Get Playing* — are designed to get more people, especially children and young people, playing sport and involved in recreation activities.

Get Started is designed to help kids who can least afford, or would otherwise benefit from getting involved in sport or recreation, with vouchers of up to \$150 to help pay for membership and/or participation fees at a registered club. *Get Going* provides grants of up to \$10,000 to local sport and recreation clubs to help them grow through initiatives such as promotional activities, equipment and membership drives. *Get Playing* provides grants of up to \$100,000 for clubs to upgrade existing facilities and develop new minor facilities to support increased club membership.

These grassroots sport and recreation initiatives are another way the Queensland Government is helping to ease the cost of living for Queensland families, and ensuring Queenslanders have access to sport and recreation opportunities and facilities wherever they live.

Get Started provides vouchers valued up to \$150 that can be used for membership and participation fees. It has been very well received with 2,668 clubs registered for the program. In the Chatsworth electorate, 26 clubs have registered for the program.

Round 1 of *Get Started* opened on 15 January 2013. There was a high demand for the available vouchers, with all vouchers issued within three weeks of the program opening. In the Chatsworth electorate, 63 vouchers were issued to children and young people in the community.

These vouchers can be used by the successful recipients at one of the sport and recreation clubs in the Chatsworth electorate, or one of the other *Get Started* registered clubs. The vouchers will assist recipients with the costs of participation,

and support those children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or recreation club.

Get Going provides grants of up to \$10,000 to local sport and recreation organisations for projects, such as promotional activities, equipment and membership drives, to encourage more people to become members of local sport and recreation clubs. Nine *Get Going* applications have been received from organisations in the Chatsworth electorate.

Get Playing provides grants of up to \$100,000 for clubs to upgrade and develop new minor facilities. This program supports clubs with the development of sport and recreation facilities to meet current and future community demand. No clubs in the Chatsworth electorate were approved funding under this round of the program. The next round of the program will open later this year.