

Question on Notice

No. 618

Asked on Tuesday 10 September 2013

MR BENNETT asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what activities were supported by the Newman Government in the Bundaberg / Burnett region to help raise awareness during Child Protection week?

ANSWER

In 2013 the Queensland Government allocated more than \$105,000 to Queensland Child Protection Week events across the State to promote the message that protecting children and young people is everybody's business and responsibility.

During Child Protection Week this year, which ran from 1 to 7 September, Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing of the Queensland Police Service launched a Charter for Children's Rights in the Bundaberg community. Mr Steven Bennett MP, Member for Burnett was the first official signatory on the Charter.

In the Bundaberg / Burnett region, \$5000 was allocated to support organisations to host events to promote the Child Protection Week message.

EDON Place Women's Domestic Violence Service Inc was successful in securing \$3000 to coordinate and deliver four regional events during the week. To be eligible for this funding, it was essential that at least five organisations collaborate to deliver the events. EDON Place Women's Domestic Violence Service Inc partnered with UnitingCare, Relationships Australia, the Family Relationship Centre, PACT (Protect All Children Today), YMCA, Education Queensland, Queensland Police Service, Bundaberg and the Bundaberg Child Safety Service Centre to deliver the following events:

1. Rainbow Day – This event was open to all Bundaberg families and provided activities for young children and showcased child and family services
2. Child Protection Week Breakfast – Both government and non-government agencies were represented
3. Child Protection Colouring-in Competition
4. Child Protection Week Y Awareness Day – Approximately 100 local students aged 6–11 years had the opportunity to participate and learn about protective behaviours and safety.

In addition to these events, Foundations Care and Churches of Christ Care each secured \$1000 to host a Bundaberg Family Fun Day and a Collaborative Community Art Piece.

Ms Margaret Allison, Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services was the guest speaker at the Bundaberg and Districts Own Child Protection Roadmap Forum. The forum was funded by Queensland Health and organised in partnership with the Child and Youth Protection Partnership.