

Question on Notice

No. 863

Asked on 21 November 2013

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how the new Caring for our Community funding grants program closing 2 December 2013 will benefit residents and community groups of the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER

As you know, the Queensland Government has committed \$4 million over three years from 2012–13 to assist community and volunteer groups to purchase essential equipment to support service delivery. This commitment recognises the valuable contribution that community and volunteer groups make to Queensland.

The Caring for Our Community Initiative commenced in 2012–13 with funds of \$1.4 million made available to 357 organisations through one-off grants across the state. The Caring for Our Community Initiative continues in 2013–14 with funds of \$1.29 million available.

The aim of the Caring for Our Communities grants program in 2013–14 is to strengthen community organisations. Successful applicants will be able to purchase equipment which is essential for service delivery to individuals and families in local Queensland communities.

The second Caring for Our Communities funding round closed on 2 December 2013 and community groups across all Queensland electorates were encouraged to apply.

The department will convene a panel early next year to review the submissions and hopes to announce the successful applicants by April 2014.