

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 225

asked on Thursday, 20 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many Get Started vouchers have been issued in the Bulimba Electorate, in each round of the Get in the Game program by (a) round and (b) number identified as first time signing on to play sport?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative comprises of three funding programs providing \$47.8 million to support grassroots sport and recreation participation. 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.

The *Get Started* program 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 Started has been very well received with 3,353 clubs (as at 16 April 2014) registered for the program.

Under the first two rounds of the program, almost 25,000 vouchers were issued and, of these, 77% (almost 19,000) were redeemed to assist with the cost of membership or participation fees at sport and recreation clubs across Queensland. Of those vouchers redeemed, data indicates that 27% of children and young people were reported as not having played club sport previously.

In the Bulimba electorate, 19 vouchers totalling \$2,726 were redeemed by local clubs in the first two rounds. Data indicates that two of the children redeeming vouchers in the Bulimba electorate reported as not having played club sport previously.

Round 3 of the *Get Started* program closed on 28 February 2014 due to overwhelming demand. In the Bulimba electorate, seven vouchers totalling \$1,050 (as at 16 April 2014) have been redeemed by local clubs. This is likely to increase as clubs have until 30 May 2014 to redeem vouchers. All seven children reported as not having played club sport previously. Across Queensland, it is expected that Round 3 will assist more than 20,000 children to join a club.