

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 251

asked on Tuesday, 1 April 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update regarding Get in the Game funding opportunities and how this will benefit sporting clubs in Waterford?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question and also refer to my previous response to Question on Notice No. 227.

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.

Get in the Game has provided more than \$517,000 (as at 30 April 2014) to sport and recreation clubs across multiple activities in the Waterford electorate. The initiative provides sport and recreation clubs in the Waterford electorate with many benefits including:

- support to maintain or increase membership;
- increased opportunities for member participation; and
- better services and facilities to meet the demand and needs of members now and in the future.

The next rounds of the programs are expected to open again in the second half of this year. It is anticipated there will be a high demand for Get in the Game funding from sport and recreation clubs and families in the coming rounds.

Get Started has been very well received with 3,354 clubs (as at 30 April 2014) registered for the program. In the Waterford electorate, 28 clubs have registered for the program.

Across Queensland, the first two rounds of the program have seen almost 19,000 children and young people assisted with the cost of joining a club. In the Waterford electorate, 538 vouchers totalling \$76,090 were redeemed by local clubs in the first two rounds.

Round 3 of the *Get Started* program closed on Friday, 28 February 2014 due to overwhelming demand. In the Waterford electorate, 629 vouchers totalling \$90,050 (as at 30 April 2014) have been redeemed by local clubs. This is likely to increase

as clubs have until 30 May 2014 to redeem vouchers. Across Queensland, it is expected Round 3 will assist more than 20,000 children to join a club.

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Going* program, 12 organisations based in the Waterford electorate have been approved funding totalling \$92,640.

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, three organisations based in the Waterford electorate have been approved funding totalling \$258,244.

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.