QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 500

asked on Thursday, 5 June 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the 'Get in the Game Program' is supporting local sporting clubs in the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question and also refer to my previous response to Question on Notice No. 89.

The Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative comprises 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 just over \$159,300 (as at 4 July 2014) to sport and recreation clubs across multiple activities in the Broadwater electorate. The initiative provides sport and recreation clubs in the Broadwater electorate with many benefits including:

- support to improve services for active members;
- increased opportunities for participation and membership promotion; and
- better facilities to meet the demand and needs of members now and in the future.

Get Started has been very well received with 3,380 clubs (as at 4 July 2014) registered for the program. Across Queensland, the first three rounds of the program have seen over 43,500 children and young people assisted with the cost of joining a club. In the Broadwater electorate, 702 vouchers totalling \$103,490 were redeemed by 20 local clubs in the first three rounds of the program.

Round 4 of the *Get Started* program will open on 15 July 2014, for eligible families to apply.

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Going* program, six organisations based in the Broadwater electorate have been approved funding totalling \$55,843, as follows:

- Arundel Park Riding for Disabled Inc (\$8,000);
- Runaway Bay Baseball Club Inc (\$6,593);
- Runaway Bay Soccer Club Incorporated (\$2,620);
- Southport Yacht Club Inc (\$10,000):
- Seahawks GC Inc. (\$19,450); and
- Runaway Bay Touch Association Inc (\$9,180).

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, no organisations based in the Broadwater electorate have been approved funding.

Round 3 of the *Get Going* and *Get Playing* programs opened on 1 July 2014 for eligible sport and recreation clubs, with projects to be delivered in 2015.

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.