

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 493**

**Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015**

**MS GRACE** asked the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Sport and Racing (HON W BYRNE)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide an update on any disaster relief funding available following the storm on 1 May 2015, to sports and recreational clubs in the electorate of Brisbane Central and wider Brisbane?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program (the Program) opened on 18 May 2015 to provide assistance to eligible sport and recreation organisations located in the Brisbane, Logan and Moreton Bay local government areas affected by the flooding and rainfall associated with the east coast low occurring 30 April to 1 May 2015 (the event).

The Program supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with funding assistance to re-establish their facilities and activities after extreme natural events, including flooding and associated heavy rain.

Funding of up to \$25,000 across two categories was available — Category 1 provides grants of up to \$5,000 to support the immediate clean up and re-establishment of clubs affected by the event; and Category 2 provides grants of up to \$20,000 to assist with the repair and restoration of affected items, as well as supporting applicants with mitigation works to minimise future damage from similar events occurring again.

Category 1 closed for applications on 15 June 2015 and Category 2 closed on 30 June 2015.

As at 30 June 2015, the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (the department) has received 22 Category 1 applications and 15 Category 2 applications requesting a combined total of \$347,550.

Seventeen applications were received from within Brisbane City.

Four clubs in the Brisbane Central electorate have submitted applications including the Downey Park Netball Association, the Brisbane Women's Hockey Association, the Brisbane City Football Club and the Brisbane Softball Association.

The department is currently assessing the applications and I anticipate announcing approvals in the near future.