

Question on Notice
No. 564
Asked on 14 July 2015

MR STEWART ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline if other regional centres will host Commonwealth Games events apart from the Gold Coast?

ANSWER:

Ensuring the flow of economic benefit to the broader Queensland economy is a key priority for the Palaszczuk Government in hosting the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The Palaszczuk Government knows that much of Queensland's tourism income is derived from return visits by people initially visiting the state as participants in conferences, conventions and sporting events.

Holding games' events in regional Queensland cities will allow the Government to showcase the many tourism assets located outside the state's South-East, such as the internationally significant Great Barrier Reef.

Commonwealth Games events will be held in three Queensland cities outside the Gold Coast.

The Cairns Convention Centre and Townsville's Entertainment and Convention Centre will host Men's and Women preliminary basketball rounds.

The shooting competition will be held at Brisbane's Belmont Shooting Centre, with track cycling events occurring at the new Queensland State Velodrome; currently being constructed at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler.

Planning is underway for a 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games arts and cultural program. This state-wide celebration of all things Queensland will include events in Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville.