

Question on Notice
No. 1451
Asked on 30 August 2016

Mr Kelly asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (Hon. A Palaszczuk) —

Will the Premier outline how the people of Greenslopes will benefit from the establishment of the position of Chief Entrepreneur?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Greenslopes for this question and for his ongoing support for my Government's Advance Queensland innovation agenda which is designed to create jobs now, and the jobs of the future.

I also note the Member's ongoing advocacy for organisations and individuals in the electorate of Greenslopes to be vital parts of Queensland's growing innovation ecosystem.

The people of Greenslopes, as well as people from communities across Queensland, will benefit from the establishment of the Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur through its focus on nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation across the state.

Learning from international experience and following consultation with the local start-up community, the Chief Entrepreneur position has been created to foster local potential and profile successful Queensland entrepreneurs.

Mr Mark Sowerby has been appointed Queensland's inaugural Chief Entrepreneur. He is the Founder of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited and is well known as an investment manager.

Mr Sowerby will be an extraordinary asset for Queensland, acting as a powerful and visible role model to encourage a new generation of entrepreneurs in Queensland to successfully translate ideas into commercial outcomes.