

Question on Notice

No. 2319

Asked on Thursday, 1 December 2016

MR ELMES asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline what funding has been provided to specifically educate and inform Queenslanders from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds on the importance of road safety (including advertising spend with multicultural media as well as grants etc)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for the question.

Community Road Safety Grants (CRSG) are one way the Palaszczuk Government works to facilitate partnerships between government, business and community, to target local road safety issues. To date, more than \$12 million has been approved over five funding rounds to implement road safety activities, education and awareness programs.

Organisations and schools across the state have been strong supporters of the grants program and have received funding across five rounds. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has funded numerous grants for projects that specifically educate and inform Queenslanders and visitors to Queensland on the importance of road safety.

Examples include providing the Mackay Regional Council \$16,600 to deliver a 'Motoring Mackay Migrants' project that assisted 25 migrants in obtaining a C Class Australian drivers licence through the provision of professional driving lessons and road safety education and information sessions.

The Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast Inc. was granted \$15,400 to translate, design and print 'Road Safety Booklets for the Chinese Community' in two Chinese dialects to assist non-English speaking migrants in understanding the Queensland Road Rules. PCYC Maranoa received \$20,100 to deliver the 'Licensed for Life Partnership' to assist young adults who are marginalised and from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds attain their licences. KidSafe Queensland Inc. also received \$4500 to assist with training on car restraint use and installation to members of migrant and culturally and linguistically diverse communities within the Logan region.

The Multicultural Development Association in Rockhampton received \$15,000 to develop their 'Multicultural Road Safety Program (Rockhampton)' DVD which demonstrates key road rules and safety requirements. This DVD complements the Department of Transport and Main Roads' half-day Road Safety and Licensing Workshops aimed towards the growing multicultural workforce in Rockhampton. Additionally the George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association received \$16,000 to implement another 'Mackay Motoring Migrants' project to again assist 25 migrants to obtain a C Class Australian drivers licence through the provision of professional driving lessons and road safety education and information sessions.

Most recently the Gold Coast City Council received \$10,000 to support their 'Road Safety Guide for Visitors' project which will develop 10,000 copies of a multi-lingual guide for international visitors that targets road safety risks to visitors. The Safe Night Cairns CBD Precinct received \$16,896 to install four public notice television screens in the Cairns CBD that scroll public safety messages 24/7 in English, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French and German.

The next round of CRSG is expected to open in early 2017 and TMR is looking forward to receiving applications from community organisations to continue educating our multicultural community on the importance of road safety.