

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1135**  
**Asked on Thursday, 6 September 2018**

**MR S KNUTH** ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise why the Sport and Recreation fund for Far North Queensland failed to fund any remote sports education clinics in Georgetown, Einasleigh, Mount Garnet, Oak Park and Forsythe in 2018, leaving over 160 children with no access to sports education programs this year?

**ANSWER**

The Queensland Government invests significant sums into sport and active recreation at all levels including grassroots community clubs, state sporting organisations and elite levels.

In July 2018, I released a Discussion Paper - kicking off a conversation with Queenslanders about the development of a Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. This Strategy will shape the government's strategic direction for the next 10 years and focuses on four key priorities: 'healthy Queenslanders', 'community connection and equality', 'economic growth and jobs' and 'elite success'.

I want Queenslanders to be involved in the comprehensive consultation process on the future of sport and active recreation in Queensland.

The Government is committed to seeking feedback from organisations on how we can get more Queenslanders active and healthy. Part of this will include how government can support regional communities tackling issues like healthy weight, mental health and youth justice through sport and recreation. I invite the Member to encourage clubs within these communities to get involved and have their say by visiting [www.qld.gov.au/sportrecstrategy](http://www.qld.gov.au/sportrecstrategy).

In relation to existing programs, I am advised that under Round 7 of the *Get Going Clubs* program, no applications were received from eligible clubs in Georgetown, Einasleigh, Mount Garnet, Oak Park and Forsyth. In the previous round of this program which closed in late 2017, I understand that clubs from two of these communities applied but were unsuccessful in the competitive funding process.

As the Member would appreciate, demand for sport and recreation funding under the department's dedicated programs is high and it is therefore important that communities are aware of funding opportunities, eligibility requirements and the application process.

I have asked that staff from my Department engage directly with sport and active recreation organisations within these communities to provide advice concerning available government support programs and support for any future rounds.