

Question on Notice
No. 495
Asked on Wednesday, 3 April 2019

MR J KELLY ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister provide an update on the inaugural Sports Collective Forum and benefits for Queensland?

ANSWER

The inaugural Queensland Sports Collective Forum (the Forum) was held on Saturday, 30 March 2019, at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane, with approximately 250 people in attendance.

The event was coordinated by Netball Queensland and was designed for professionals within the sport and recreation industry. The Forum included keynote speeches and panel discussions, and provided an opportunity for industry stakeholders to connect, network and gain insights on various topics from industry leaders.

I was pleased to accept Netball Queensland's invitation to deliver the welcome address and was excited to see so many thought leaders from the world of sport in the same room, keen to discuss the challenges and opportunities the industry faces. Discussions cut across all sports and codes, with keynote addresses and two dynamic panel sessions that got some lively debate going. We know that collaborative working happens organically in sport, but we need to help create more opportunities for this to happen. It is important to get our collective approach to sport and development right. If we work together and learn from each other, we can achieve great things.

The Palaszczuk Government is currently developing Queensland's first ten-year Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. The Strategy will establish a way forward to work collaboratively with the sport and active recreation sectors to make physical activity a top priority for Queensland. As the Minister for Sport, what matters to me is that people get active in a way that suits them and in a way that makes them more likely to continue being active in the future. We want to inspire more people, young and old, to take up sport and physical activity. Through the Strategy we will work in partnership with sporting organisations to bring sport and physical activity to all Queenslanders. We will collaborate with sporting organisations to invest in innovation and knowledge and ensure that we are well ahead of the curve in producing world-class athletes.

The Forum was very successful, and I hope this event becomes a regular fixture on the sport and recreation calendar.