

Question on Notice

No. 186

Asked on 18 February 2020

MR R KATTER asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON S HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the constant financial pressure being faced by rural race clubs, whose events are vital elements of their social fabric—

Will the Minister detail how much money the State Government is providing, through Tourism and Events Queensland, to the Magic Millions horse race annually in comparison to the financial support it provides to rural and remote race clubs across the state?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Traeger for the question.

For matters relating to Tourism and Events Queensland, I refer the Member to the Minister responsible for Tourism and Events Queensland, the Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for Cross River Rail.

I also refer the Member to the Palaszczuk Government's \$70.4 million over four years commitment to Country Racing. This provides security and continuity to the entire country racing community by funding meetings, prizemoney and infrastructure. The fund includes \$10.4 million for infrastructure repairs and maintenance at country racing clubs.

The Palaszczuk Government's commitment to this program is a recognition of how important country racing is to local communities and their value to the social fabric of the State.