

Question on Notice
No. 399
Asked on 22 April 2020

Mr D Batt asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$1250 one-off taxable, pro-rata payment for public servants announced in September 2019—

Will the Premier advise (a) how many public servants have already received the payment and (b) how many public servants (broken down by enterprise agreement) are still to receive the payment?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering job security for government workers and honouring conditions negotiated as part of wage agreements while also delivering a one year freeze to defer base wage increases during the 2020-21 financial year in response to the financial impacts from COVID-19. These savings will ensure that the Queensland Government remains in a sound budget position to continue to provide job security for government workers while investing to support jobs in the broader economy.

The \$1250 one-off taxable, pro-rata payment for public servants has been part of negotiated wage agreements across the public sector.

The \$1250 is not payable to Senior Officers, Senior Executive Service, Director General and equivalent classifications.

I am advised that as at 22 April 2020, 155 615.05 full-time equivalent (FTE) eligible employees covered by 21 public sector bargained outcomes had been paid.

I am advised that since that date, the \$1250 payment has been made to a further 54 679.94 FTE eligible employees covered by 13 agreements where bargaining had not been finalised before the covid-19 wage freeze, including frontline health workers.

Every public servant is subject to the twelve month pay freeze, as per the amendment to the legislation.