

Estimates Hearing 2017 – Finance and Administration Committee

Question on Notice No. 13

THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, MINISTER FOR RACING AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON G GRACE)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 19 of the Treasury SDS in relation to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland and ask –

- a. what was the budget for this office in 2015/16, 2016/17 and the allocation for 2017/18 (reported separately)?
- b. what was the FTE allocation in 2015/16, 2016/17 and the allocation for 2017/18 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

Workplace Health and Safety Budget

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland had the operating budget for 2015-16 of \$63.6M, for 2016-17 of \$62M and for 2017-18 the estimated budget is \$63.4M.

As identified in Page 19 of the SDS the increase in funding for Workplace Health and Safety Queensland is the result of the increase in grants funding from WorkCover Queensland, an increase of \$1.740M or 3.45%.

Table 1 WHSQ Funding Table

Year	Actual Budget	Estimated Budget
2015-16	\$63.6M	
2016-17	\$62.0M	
2017-18		\$63.4M

Workplace Health and Safety FTEs

Workplace Health and Safety had the following budgeted FTEs of 457 for 2015-16, 470 FTEs for 2016-17 and 470 FTEs for 2017-18.

The increase of FTEs between 2015-16 and 2016-17 was largely due to the Machinery of Government changes associated with the shifting of the Office of Industrial Relations from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to Queensland Treasury.

Table 2 WHSQ Budgeted FTE Table

Year	Estimated Budgeted FTEs
2015-16	457
2016-17	470
2017-18	470