

Question on Notice
Government #1
Received from the Finance and Administration Committee on 30 July 2015

Innovation is recognised as a key driver of economic growth and job creation. The Palaszczuk Government has committed to increasing Queensland's innovation capabilities (DPC SDS, p. 5). Will the Premier outline what funding allocations have been made in the 2015-16 Budget to realise this objective?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government announced the following in the 2015-16 Budget:

- *Advance Queensland Best and Brightest Fund* - \$50 million to develop, attract and retain world-class talent, both scientific and entrepreneurial. This includes
 - Fellowships and Scholarships to strengthen our research base;
 - Global Partnership Awards, allowing outstanding Queensland talent to gain experience with major universities or companies overseas;
 - Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, allowing Queensland SMEs to have postgraduate students contribute to their businesses; and
 - Future Schools review, expanding STEM, coding, computer science and robotics in schools.
- *Advance Queensland Future Jobs Strategy* - \$46 million to open the door to new industry/research collaborations and tackle the big innovation challenges. This includes
 - Three major partnerships designed to commercialise our biggest and best discoveries (ie. UQ and Emory University (Atlanta, US), Siemens and Translational Research Institute, and Johnson and Johnson and QUT);
 - Innovations Challenge, incentivising researchers and entrepreneurs to tackle the world's biggest challenges; and
 - 10 year roadmaps for emerging industries
- *Business Investment Attraction package* - \$76 million to encourage a new wave of startups and attract co-investment through the Business Development Fund. This includes:
 - The \$24M Startups Queensland program – to increase start-up company formation and attraction in Queensland;
 - The \$12M Queensland Commercialisation Program – to support proof of concept projects, designed to lead to new products and services; and
 - The \$40M Business Development Fund – where Government will provide seed co-investment to match and encourage greater angel and venture capital investment in Queensland businesses and help turn innovative ideas into a commercial reality. (This is also a key component of the Government's Working Queensland initiative, which is about creating jobs and reducing unemployment).
- *Queensland Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow program* – \$1 million over three years for grants to assist stay-at-home parents to develop home-based businesses. This includes:

- Grants of up to \$5000 for home-based business owners with at least one child under the age of 12 residing in care for at least 50 per of the time, who are also an Australian resident, have an Australian Business Number, and are based in Queensland.
 - Grants of up to \$2500 for stay-at-home parents to assist them in engaging a consultant for professional advice to help establish or develop a home-based business. Successful recipients may then be eligible for matching grant funding (dollar-for-dollar) of up to a further \$2500 to make improvements to, or establish the business.
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- \$8 million will also be set aside to respond to new collaboration opportunities that may arise, in particular to develop roadmaps with industry partners.

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Non-Government #1
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With reference to the responsibilities of the Public Service Commission.

Can the Premier provide a table separately identifying by financial year how many Queensland public servants in total took long service leave over the last 5 financial years, what band or classification level each of these public servants were and the total cost to Government of providing this entitlement?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's comprehensive Debt Action Plan will see the Government's Long Service Leave (LSL) obligations met on an as required basis by agencies, rather than by holding a central investment allocation.

This balance sheet reform initiative aligns the Queensland Government's treatment of LSL with other Australian jurisdictions where standard practice is to fund LSL entitlements on an emergent basis, when the leave is paid.

There will be no change for employees – in fact Queensland's public servants will not experience any difference in the way their LSL is paid.

LSL entitlements are guaranteed by legislation, and of course they will be paid when claimed.

There will be no change to the administrative arrangements under which Government agencies currently contribute to, and draw down from.

Agencies will pay LSL leave from their budgets and seek reimbursement from Treasury on a quarterly basis through the Consolidated Fund.

In response to the question, the Opposition should be aware that supporting documentation / information, such as employee names, salary level, length of service is not submitted with the claim.

Advice from Queensland Treasury is that LSL payments for leave taken over the period 2010-11 to 2014-15 is approximately \$1.952 billion.

			2010-11	2011-12*	2012-13*	2013-14	2014-15	Total
			\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	
LSL payments made to employees			315	399	512	387	339	1952
<i>* Higher LSL payments due to redundancies</i>								

**Question on Notice
Government #2**

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What programs have been included in the 2015-16 Budget to support emerging industries (SDS p. 5) and create the jobs of the future, particularly for small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-up companies?

ANSWER:

The 2015-16 Queensland Budget supports a range of initiatives to create jobs, especially for small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-up companies.

The \$180 million Advance Queensland initiative is comprised of a comprehensive suite of initiatives, with several that will provide direct benefits for SMEs and start-ups.

In particular, the \$76 million Advance Queensland Business Investment Attraction package has several elements to support SMEs and start-ups including:

- The \$24 million Start-up Queensland program – to increase start-up company formation and attraction in Queensland
- The \$12 million Queensland Commercialisation Program – to support proof-of-concept projects, designed to lead to new products and services
- The \$40 million Business Development Fund – where Government will provide seed co-investment to match and encourage greater angel and venture capital investment in Queensland businesses and help turn innovative ideas into a commercial reality.

Encouraging start-ups is vital in supporting diversification, growth and development of Queensland's knowledge economy. The Queensland Government is continuing the \$300,000-a-year Start-up Queensland Fund. This fund helps to build capability in the state's start-up communities, including in regional areas, by delivering practical information and advice, increased collaboration and networking opportunities, connectivity and transformational entrepreneurship. The fund supported the Start-up Weekend, held on 10-12 July 2015, which brought together entrepreneurs and mentors to develop fresh ideas and innovations. Participants were challenged to devise and launch a new product or service in 54 hours by providing a forum to pitch ideas, form teams, test their business model and create a prototype.

The government will also establish the Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council to focus on areas of regulation that are of most concern to small business and help create the conditions to enable small businesses to prosper.

Question on Notice
Non-Government #2
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Can the Premier provide the following details for all newly appointed Directors General in 2015:

- Total remuneration package;
- Length of term of contracts; and
- Copies of individual contracts with key performance indicators and/or equivalent.

ANSWER:

My government has ended the payment of performance bonuses for all new and continuing directors-general appointments. Under the former government the maximum bonus pool for directors-general was in excess of \$1.2 million per annum and even greater if other eligible chief executive contracts were included.

Under my government's remuneration framework, the total cost of directors-general remuneration will further reduce, with savings currently around \$300,000 per annum. This calculation is based on the former government's directors-general salary packages at 1 July 2014 and those currently proposed by my government.

The remuneration details of individual directors-general will be published in the respective departments' Annual Reports.

All contracts are for five year terms.

Individual contracts cannot be released as they are a private contractual matter.

The Executive Performance and Development Agreement framework for 2015/16 is published on the Public Service Commission website.

**Question on Notice
Government #3**

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With regard to the Palaszczuk Government's \$180 million Advance Queensland investment in innovation, education and business development to deliver knowledge-based jobs now and into the future (Budget Measures, p.55), will the Premier advise whether this program offers any opportunities for the state's regions?

ANSWER:

The \$180 million Advance Queensland investment forms the cornerstone of our state's future economic agenda. The Palaszczuk Government's investment in education and skills, innovation, entrepreneurship and business development will foster new industries and deliver knowledge-based jobs now and into the future for Queenslanders across the state.

Advance Queensland offers multiple opportunities for regional Queenslanders:

- A \$50 million Advance Queensland Best and Brightest Fund to develop, attract and retain world-class scientific and entrepreneurial talent.
 - Regional universities, students and businesses will benefit directly through the grant programs such as Regional Fellowships.
 - The Global Partnership Awards will provide opportunities for regional businesses and researchers to partner with international organisations and thought-leaders.
- A \$46 million Advance Queensland Future Jobs Strategy to support new industry and research collaborations, tackle innovation challenges and deliver 10-year roadmaps for industries with global potential.
 - As an example, Queensland has a competitive advantage in biofuels (plants operational in Dalby and Sarina) and industrial biotechnology (due to our tropical and sub-tropical climate, stable regulatory environment and proximity to Asia).
 - The Queensland Government is exploring opportunities to work with the United States Navy in relation to the 'Great Green Fleet' initiative.
 - Industrial biotechnology presents significant economic and environmental opportunities for regional Queensland's agricultural sector to collaborate with researchers, create innovative solutions and build new businesses.
 - Advance Queensland's Innovation Challenges will support industry and research organisations to develop new solutions to significant social, economic and environmental challenges. This could include renewable energy, next-generation biofuels and reef protection.
- A \$76 million Business Investment Attraction package to encourage a new wave of Queensland start-ups, support proof-of-concept projects and attract co-investment through the Business Development Fund.
 - Any Queensland entrepreneur or business with a great idea or business solution seeking assistance to translate their work into commercial success is encouraged to participate.
 - As an example, Queensland has growing start-up communities on the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Brisbane Sunshine Coast, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns; and work with business organisations, accelerator programs, universities and TAFE will provide a suite of support programs across the state.
 - Regional small businesses that are developing new products, processes and systems with global market potential are also urged to take part.

Advance Queensland will also have a positive impact on our rural and regional areas by boosting research, innovation and business growth in industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism and clean energy, as well as those that rely on a healthy Great Barrier Reef.

Question on Notice
Non-Government #3
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For each Ministerial Office can the Premier provide a breakdown of:

- a) each Ministerial Staff members position title and salary bracket; and
- b) the number of Department seconded staff over and above the MSB funded allocation?

ANSWER:

- a) Since 2009, data about ministerial staff numbers, broken down by each office, has been published each quarter under the Right to Information Publication Scheme on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website. The Government will achieve \$27 million in savings over three years by reducing the number of Ministers from 19 to 14 and Assistant Ministers from 12 to one. The savings will be made from the budgets of ministerial offices and the Parliament, which pays the additional salaries to Ministers and Assistant Ministers.
- b) There are no staff over and above those published performing in ministerial staff roles.

Question on Notice
Government #4
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With reference to the Premier's role in providing leadership with regard to the government's response to the *Not Now, Not Ever – Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report (SDS p. 6), will the Premier outline the funding allocations contained in the 2015-16 Budget to tackle domestic and family violence?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government announced a total of \$31.3M (including \$5.2M in new funding) in the 2015-2016 Budget to implement priority recommendations of the Report from the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland: *Not Now, Not Ever*. The budget allocation includes the following major initiatives:

- *Specialist court trial* - \$327,000 to support a dedicated Magistrate, for six-months from September 2015, to trial a specialist Magistrates Court in Southport to inform consideration of design for specialist domestic and family violence courts.
- *Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Board* - \$2.067M over four years to increase staffing of the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Unit in the Office of the State Coroner and establish an independent Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board. It is proposed the Board be established in legislation, with implementation expected by 1 July 2016.
- *Two new crisis shelters* - \$8M over two years to establish dedicated 72-hour crisis shelters in Brisbane and Townsville, and a further \$11.886M over four years to operate the shelters (total \$19.886M). Planning for the new shelters is underway, with targeted consultation informing the design and capital solution.
- *Statewide stocktake of services* – \$500,000 for a comprehensive audit of domestic and family violence services to inform long-term strategic funding and investment.
- *COAG contribution for national campaign to reduce violence against women* - \$3M towards a national campaign to reduce violence against women and their children

Additional funding of \$1.1M has also been provided in the 2015-2016 budget to Legal Aid Queensland to expand the Domestic Violence Duty Lawyer Service to 14 locations across Queensland.

In addition to the dedicated budget allocation, the Queensland Government:

- is currently considering all the recommendations of the Report: *Not Now, Not Ever*
- is working with the domestic and family violence sector to expand the network of specialist domestic and family violence prevention and support more integrated services across Queensland
- has just completed 15 community leader roundtables with close to 400 participants to discuss ways to champion cultural change in Queensland.

**Question on Notice
Non-Government #4**

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In relation to page 90 of the SDS where the “days in Queensland Regional centres” has been discontinued as there are “more suitable measures of community engagement” by the Governor, can the Premier please provide a table of these measures; how they will be measured; and their targets?

ANSWER:

The removal of the measure relating to the number of days in Queensland regional centres will have no impact on the number of days the Governor spends in regional Queensland nor on his plans to travel widely throughout Queensland in support of the regions, which continue to be a priority.

The table below represents the measures captured by the Office of the Governor in relation to the Governor’s regional community engagement:

	Actual 14-15	Target 15-16
Visits to Queensland regional centres	36	45
Community events in Queensland regional centres	100	n/a

No specific target is set in relation to the number of community events in regional centres as the Governor’s forward program is both deliberate and to some extent reactive to the needs of the community.

The Office of the Governor’s Service Delivery Statement continues to measure the number of visits to Queensland Regional Centres (refer page 88). Additionally all of the Governor’s official engagements, including those in regional Queensland, are reported daily via the Government House website and in the Courier Mail, and in real-time via Twitter. The Governor’s Facebook page provides additional information about the Governor’s regional and Brisbane community engagements.

**Question on Notice
Government #5**

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Given the government's focus on jobs and the establishment of the Working Queensland Cabinet Committee (SDS p. 6), will the Premier outline any programs included in the 2015-16 State Budget that will help implement the Working Queensland plan to create jobs and support training?

ANSWER:

Working Queensland is the cornerstone of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to supporting job creation, skills development and economic growth.

The Government moved quickly to establish the high-level Working Queensland Cabinet Committee to progress and coordinate the implementation of the Government's jobs creation programs and initiatives.

In the 2015-16 Budget, the government announced the following significant programs to boost the State's performance in these areas:

- \$754 million in 2015-16 for Vocational Education and Training
- \$240 million over four years to reinstate Skilling Queenslanders for Work to assist up to 32 000 people back into work, with a focus on improving job prospects for the most disadvantaged Queenslanders
- an extra \$34 million over three years to restore TAFE as Queensland's premier provider of vocational education and training, including an additional 100 new full-time equivalent teaching and support positions to ensure Queenslanders are jobs-ready
- \$45 million over three years in payroll tax rebates to promote job training and make it more affordable for employers to employ apprentices and trainees
- \$180 million over four years for the Advance Queensland strategy to create the knowledge jobs of the future, including \$40 million over four years for the Business Development Fund to assist innovative emerging industries
- \$40 million over four years to establish and administer Jobs Queensland, a new independent, industry-led body that will advise the Government on how to better align skills demand and long-term workforce planning
- \$10.5 million over two years to establish and administer Building Queensland to provide independent, expert advice on infrastructure priorities for Queensland
- \$200 million over two years under the Building our Regions program to support local governments deliver critical infrastructure and boost regional jobs growth
- \$500 million over four years under the statewide Schools and Hospitals Fund to create local jobs and boost regional economies
- an additional \$110.7 million over four years to support up to 4,000 new graduate nursing places, and an additional \$101.6 million over four years for 400 Nurse Navigator positions to assist patients navigate across the health system.

**Question on Notice
Non-Government #5**

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In relation to the Public Sector Commission's oversight of the annual Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey, does the Government plan or intend to edit/change/add/delete survey questions; and if so which?

ANSWER:

The Public Service Commission reviews the Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey questionnaire annually. Regular reviews ensure that the survey continues to collect useful information from employees to inform organisational and workplace improvement across the sector.

Since the survey commenced in 2013, minor refinements have been made annually in response to feedback from Queensland Government agencies, employees, and an analysis of the statistical integrity of the survey's design.

**Question on Notice
Government #6**

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With reference to page 27 of the service delivery statement, will the Premier and Minister for the Arts provide the details of each successful grant recipient under the Projects and Programs fund since 14 February 2015 and advise of any changes in the funding of arts grants programs?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$725 493 to 26 successful Projects and Programs Fund applications since 14 February 2015. These projects will support arts organisations across the state.

\$720 493 was contracted as one applicant withdrew their application prior to contracting as they received unexpected sponsorship. Please see table below for details of successful applications.

From 1 September the Projects and Programs Fund will be rolled into the new Queensland Arts Showcase program. The new Showcase funding of \$11.8M over 4 years (including \$5.1M of new funding) will support:

- development and growth of a vibrant and accessible arts and cultural sector
- Queensland art sector connections with new audiences locally, nationally and internationally
- collaborations to develop quality arts and cultural experiences
- creation of employment and training opportunities for Queensland based artists and arts workers

Draft guidelines for the Showcase program were opened for consultation on 21 July and close on 17 August. The draft guidelines encompass 3 streams:

- Arts Ignite (up to \$60 000) – support development and presentation of new works
- Arts Illuminate (up to \$100 000) – attract acclaimed national and international artists
- Arts Impact (up to \$60 000) – deliver vibrant and diverse range of original arts and cultural experiences across Queensland

Successful grant recipients under the Projects and Programs Fund since 14 February 2015

Applicant	Project Title	\$\$ Recom'd	Project Location	Applicant QLD state electorate	Artform
Best of Brass	Central Highlands Festival of Bands	\$15 750	Emerald	Indooroopilly	Classical Music
Kupka's Piano Inc	The Human Detained	\$8 130	Brisbane	Brisbane Central	Classical Music
Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation	Quandamooka Festival	\$38 000	Stradbroke Island, Cleveland	Cleveland	Community Engagement
Imaginary Theatre	Small Stages	\$50 000	Redlands, Gold Coast, Logan, Caloundra and Brisbane	Chatsworth	Community Engagement
Creative Inclusive Pty Ltd	STRONG WALK: A Rite of Passage Project	\$10 350	Burleigh Heads	Burleigh	Community Engagement
Rotary Club of Capalaba Bluesfest Committee - Warren Doyle (Club Contact)	Bayside Blues Festival	\$23 000	Redlands	Capalaba	Contemporary Music
Robert E Weatherall	A Restless Dream - Recording Project	\$24 500	Nashville, TN, USA and Brisbane	Aspley	Contemporary Music
Britt Guy and Liesel Zink	The Stance	\$38 265	Brisbane	Ashgrove	Dance
THE FARM	Quarantine	\$60 000	Brisbane	Burleigh	Dance
BlakDance	Dana Waranara - The Convergence	\$29 346	Brisbane	South Brisbane	Dance
Red Chair	Flamenco Fire - Viva Sevilla Creative Development and Presentation	\$47 690	Coolum Beach, Woodford and Brisbane	Maroochydore	Dance
JUTE Theatre Company	Doug is Hamlet	\$23 006	Cairns	Cairns	Theatre
4MBS Classic FM	4MBS Brisbane Shakespeare Festival	\$25 000	Sandgate Brisbane Caboolture Redcliffe Logan Beaudesert	Greenslopes	Theatre
Nuala Furtado	The Theory of Everything	\$19 638	Brisbane	Mount Ommaney	Theatre
Kim Bowers	Hot Brown Honey - The Remount	\$14 500	Brisbane	Yeerongpilly	Theatre
Seeing Place Productions	Time Capsule	\$38 000	Southport	Southport	Theatre
The Kurandacoots	The Second Scream	\$18 758	Cairns	Barron River	Theatre
Sasi Victoire	TROPICS> TROPICS	\$30 141	Malaysia, Cairns	Barron River	Visual arts, craft and design
The Walls Art Space	2015-16 Exhibition	\$27 871	Gold Coast	Burleigh	Visual arts,

Applicant	Project Title	\$\$ Recom'd	Project Location	Applicant QLD state electorate	Artform
	Program				craft and design
Redland Art Gallery	South East Queensland Indigenous fibre art project (working title)	\$12 000	Cleveland, Stradbroke Island	Cleveland	Visual arts, craft and design
La Luna Youth Arts	Emergence	\$49 548	Townsville, Cairns, Mackay	Thuringowa	Visual arts, craft and design
Pormpuraaw Arts & Cultural CTR INC	“Tarnanthi” Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal + Torres Strait Islander Art 2015, South Australia Art Museum	\$30 000	South Australia	Cook	Visual arts, craft and design
Wesley Mission Brisbane - Art From the Margins	Art from the Margins Brisbane Festival Exhibition 2015	\$35 000	Brisbane	Nudgee	Visual arts, craft and design
Institute of Modern Art	Embassy at Performa: New York, Brisbane, Cairns (International Arts Partnership Program, Backing Indigenous Arts)	\$37 000	New York City (USA), Brisbane and Cairns	Brisbane Central	Visual arts, craft and design
Australian Book Review Inc	A vibrant literary culture in Queensland	\$15 000	Throughout Queensland, Based in Melbourne	n/a	Writing
Burdekin Readers & Writers Assoc Inc ***APPLICATION WITHDRAWN Applicant has since withdrawn application due to attaining unexpected sponsorship and no longer requiring AQ's support	Ignite Your Mind Burdekin Readers and Writers Festival	\$5 000	Burdekin	Burdekin	Writing

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Non-Government #6
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In relation to the “First Project” administered by the Public Sector Commission can the Premier provide details on planned annual funding for this project; planned FTE’s; planned remuneration package for each position; and a project synopsis with KPIs.

ANSWER:

The First Project provides service improvement alternatives to government agencies.

These service improvement priorities are identified by government agencies. Various options are researched and designed with direct input from the community, industry and partner stakeholders. KPIs are project specific and set by the government agency.

The First Project is a time-limited project for the 2015/16 financial year only. Funding of \$4.24M in total has been allocated for the First Project.

Staffing level	Number of staff
SES 2	1
SO	1
AO8	4
AO7	3
AO6	1
AO4	2
TOTAL	12

Remuneration package information on these positions is available from the Public Service Commission website: www.psc.qld.gov.au.

**Question on Notice
Government #7**

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With reference to page 27 of the service delivery statement, will the Premier and Minister for the Arts detail how the Palaszczuk Government is supporting indigenous artists through the Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund and any other programs?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government supports Indigenous arts through a number of programs including the Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF). IRADF is a partnership between Arts Queensland and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities designed to ensure Indigenous communities in regional and remote areas of Queensland have access to arts and cultural services.

In 2015-16 each of the 12 Councils which applied received funding under IRADF. In total \$200 000 in funding was approved for 12 Indigenous communities to undertake approximately 26 projects (15 cultural retention and 11 arts development projects).

I recently announced annual funding of \$600,000 over the next four years for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Funding. CIAF provides an opportunity for Indigenous artists to exhibit and sell their works to national and international markets. In 2014, work from CIAF was purchased by Harvard University Art Museum, National Gallery of Canada, University of Washington, National Gallery of Australia, Auckland Art Gallery and the University of Virginia.

In addition the Government has confirmed ongoing funding to the Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival, the Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival, 14 Indigenous Art Centres and the peak body Indigenous Art Centres Alliance.

The Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts will receive funding of \$1 078 087 in 2015-16. Arts Queensland provides \$350,000 to the Centre with the remainder funded through the Department of Education and Training.

Government funded organisations also support Indigenous artists. Examples include:

- QPAC presents Clancestry, focused on cultural preservation and community pride (24-29 November 2015)
- Queensland Museum – heritage preservation and story collecting including Indigenous programming, exhibitions and displays
- Screen Queensland engaged an Indigenous Coordinator to facilitate new Indigenous screen programs in 2015-16
- Queensland Music Festival (QMF) – engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through the Cape York Instrumental program, artist and teacher residencies and mentorships
- QMF will present the third Yarrabah Band Festival in November 2015.

**Question on Notice
Non-Government #7**

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In relation to the discontinued measure on page 15 of the SDS in relation to the % of agencies that undertake redesign initiatives to improve customer services. Can the Premier itemise what whole-of-government measures are in place to measure and encourage redesign to ensure improved customer services?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is investing in a range of measures to improve community satisfaction with government services.

The whole-of-government performance framework for chief executives has been reviewed, and revised performance objectives have been established for the 2015-16 financial year. It includes:

- A high performing Government leadership team achieving better outcomes for the community
- Services and outcomes continuously improved in line with the Government's objectives for the Queensland community

I also direct you to the answer to Non-Government Question on Notice 6 relating to the "First Project."

I commend the Treasurer on returning the Discontinued Measures to the relevant SDS for each Department. This improves reporting and accountability. The removal of discontinued measures from the relevant SDS in last year's budget papers, and publication in a separate volume, reduced significantly the access to important information allowing scrutiny of the government's performance.

**Question on Notice
Government #8**

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With reference to page 27 of the service delivery statement, will the Premier and Minister for the Arts provide the details of funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund for the 2015-16 financial year?

ANSWER:

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a state and local government partnership with 59 local councils across Queensland. In 2015-16 Queensland communities will benefit through \$2.08 million in funding under the program, an increase of \$130,000 on the previous financial year. In addition local councils will make funding contributions totalling approximately \$1.8 million as well as providing substantial in-kind support.

The additional \$130,000 in RADF funding has been reallocated from within Arts Queensland in recognition of the significant role RADF plays in assisting the small-to-medium arts and cultural sector in Queensland. Small-to-medium arts organisations have been disproportionately affected by funding cuts under the former Government and major changes in federal government funding.

Please see table below for details of RADF 2015-16 funding allocations.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 2015-16 Funding Allocations

Council Name	2015-16 RADF Allocation \$	Council Name	2015-16 RADF Allocation \$
Balonne Shire	\$31 399	Livingstone Shire	\$32 000
Banana Shire	\$10 499	Lockyer Valley Regional	\$21 000
Barcaldine Regional	\$21 600	Logan City	\$25 886
Barcoo Shire	\$17 500	Longreach Regional	\$22 500
Blackall-Tambo Regional	\$54 000	Mackay Regional	\$100 000
Boulia Shire	\$9 450	Maranoa Regional	\$24 000
Bulloo Shire*	\$0	Mareeba Shire	\$21 000
Bundaberg Regional	\$36 000	McKinlay Shire	\$35 567
Burdekin Shire	\$22 400	Moreton Bay Regional	\$61 200
Burke Shire	\$5 670	Mount Isa City	\$27 000
Cairns Regional	\$88 200	Murweh Shire	\$20 000
Carpentaria Shire	\$17 863	Noosa Shire	\$25 000
Cassowary Coast Regional	\$39 749	North Burnett Regional	\$75 500
Central Highlands Regional	\$21 600	Paroo Shire	\$42 815
Charters Towers Regional	\$37 994	Quilpie Shire	\$62 910
Cloncurry Shire	\$20 250	Redland City	\$63 000
Cook Shire	\$40 705	Richmond Shire	\$21 844
Croydon Shire	\$20 250	Rockhampton Regional	\$40 000
Diamantina Shire	\$17 934	Scenic Rim Regional	\$39 000
Douglas Shire	\$26 460	Somerset Regional	\$24 000
Etheridge Shire	\$20 000	South Burnett Regional	\$21 000
Flinders Shire	\$12 873	Southern Downs Regional	\$52 500
Fraser Coast Regional	\$45 000	Sunshine Coast Regional	\$107 232
Gladstone Regional	\$45 000	Tablelands Regional	\$24 000
Gold Coast City	\$100 000	Toowoomba Regional	\$40 000
Goondiwindi Regional	\$21 600	Townsville City	\$45 000
Gympie Regional	\$22 500	Western Downs	\$66 000
Hinchinbrook Shire	\$27 000	Whitsunday Regional	\$32 304
Ipswich City	\$24 000	Winton Shire	\$15 750
Isaac Regional	\$36 880	Total RADF	\$2 082 384

*Bulloo Shire Council, operating on a surplus from 2014-15, applied to the program in order to expend the previous year's funding.

NOTE: RADF excludes Brisbane City Council and Indigenous Councils who participate in similar programs administered by Arts Queensland.

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Non-Government #8
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In relation to the discontinued measure on page 15 of the SDS and footnote 2 which states, in part, that implementation of Commission of Audit initiatives have ceased – can the Premier itemise each Commission of Audit recommendation that continues to have the support of the State Government; each that doesn't; and each yet to be determined?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government did not support the previous government's \$2.595 million Commission of Audit and monitoring of all recommendations has ceased.

The Commission of Audit was a political exercise headed up by lifetime Liberal Party member Peter Costello, which recommended a record program of asset sales and privatisation, which were rejected by Queenslanders at the 2015 State election.

This government has committed to working closely with all Queenslanders to create jobs and a diverse economy, deliver quality frontline services, protect the environment and build safe, caring and connected communities.

Integrity, accountability and consultation will underpin everything the Palaszczuk government does.

**Question on Notice
Government #9**

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I refer to pages 16 to 20 of the SDS and ask, what is the status of the government's election commitment to save \$27 million across the Ministerial Services and what will the savings be used for?

ANSWER:

During the election campaign I committed to saving \$27M over a three-year parliamentary term by reducing the number of ministers from 19 to 14 and Assistant Ministers from 12 to one.

The savings will be realised by a reduction in ministerial office accommodation and running costs and reductions in ministerial staff numbers, along with savings in remuneration for fewer Ministers and Assistant Ministers.

This saving initiative has been locked in with permanent funding reductions of \$7.1M for Ministerial Offices and \$1.9M for Minister and Assistant Minister remuneration.

As I have previously stated, these savings will be directed toward frontline services.

The breakdown of projected savings is as follows:

Savings	Amount per annum
Remuneration Savings for reduction of 5 Ministers	\$908 865
Remuneration Savings for reduction of 11 Assistant Ministers	\$999 746
Subtotal	\$1.9M
Savings from Ministerial Accommodation and office running costs	\$3.8M
Savings from reductions in staff numbers	\$3.3M
Subtotal	\$7.1M
Total	\$ 9.0M

**Question on Notice
Non-Government #9**

Received from the Finance and Administration Committee on 30 July 2015

With reference to the public servant numbers detailed in the portfolio SDS, since the assent of the Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 can the Minister advise how many public servants within the Department's staffing allocation have had their details supplied to unions under the Government's Union Encouragement Policy list in the following format for each portfolio, Premier and Cabinet, and Arts.

Department	Union Name	Number of Employee details forwarded	Summary of Details provided
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ANSWER:

My department has advised me that no information on staff details has been supplied to unions under the Government's Union Encouragement Policy.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to protecting workers' rights and conditions.

**Question on Notice
Government #10**

Received from the Finance and Administration Committee on 30 July 2015

I refer to Pages 4 & 6 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Service Delivery Statement and I ask: Will the Premier please advise what initiatives in 2015-16 Financial Year are planned by the Government to encourage economic growth in North Queensland?

ANSWER:

In the 2015-16 Queensland Budget, the Queensland Government is supporting a range of initiatives to encourage economic growth in North Queensland, including:

Building Our Regions

- The *Building Our Regions* program strengthens and diversifies regional Queensland's economic foundations and job creation.
- A central part of this regional program is the new Regional Infrastructure Fund, of which all North Queensland local governments are eligible.
- This Fund will provide targeted financial support for regional councils and will help deliver critical infrastructure and create jobs through the:
 - Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme – doubling annual Roads and Transport Alliance funding to \$60M over two years;
 - Regional Capital Fund – providing \$70M over two years for infrastructure projects in provincial cities and rural areas;
 - Royalties for Resource Producing Communities Fund – providing \$55M over two years for infrastructure projects in mining communities;
 - Remote Communities Infrastructure Fund – providing \$15M over two years for infrastructure projects in remote communities.

Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP)

- The 2015-16 Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program contains road and transport projects for North Queensland totalling \$382,116,000 in Queensland Government funding.

Ross River PDA

- The Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area (PDA) was declared at the request of Townsville City Council on 5 September 2014, to revitalise the Ross Creek waterfront and enhance the Central Business District.
- The PDA is in an important part of the Townsville urban area and has the potential to create jobs and provide accommodation for up to 30,000 people by 2030.

Saving the Great Barrier Reef

- The Government has committed to funding initiatives to preserve the Great Barrier Reef. Funding will total \$100 million over 5 years. This funding will help protect the Reef by investing in water quality initiatives and research, as well as helping businesses adopt better environmental practices in primary production, mining and fishing.

Tackling Panama disease

- \$9.8M to tackle the Tropical Race 4 strain of Panama disease in partnership with the Australian Government.

Question on Notice
Non-Government #10
Received from the Finance and Administration Committee on 30 July 2015

I refer to page 34 of the SDS and ask –

Will the Premier provide a detailed list of all grant recipients in the past financial year and include for each grant payment: the grant program, grant recipient, grant amount, payment date and purpose of the grant?

ANSWER:

Details of grant recipients for Arts Queensland and Queensland's Anzac Centenary Commemoration program are publicly available and can be found on the DPC and the Queensland Government Open Data portal. The links are:

<http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/right-to-info/published-info/our-finances.aspx>
<https://data.qld.gov.au/>