

Estimates Hearing 2011 - Finance and Administration Committee
Question on Notice
No. 1

QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-3 regarding the management of the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal, will the Premier provide details on the amount of money raised by the appeal and how many people and households have received assistance?

ANSWER:

As at 8 July 2011, total donations to the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal had reached \$273.1 million, including interest. The generosity of Queensland families and businesses, fellow Australians and people from around the world is remarkable, particularly given the devastating disasters experienced by our neighbouring states and countries in recent months.

To date, the Appeal Fund has distributed a total of \$180.4 million. More than 40,000 individuals have directly received donations from the Fund totalling \$170.4 million, money that will make a difference to those who endured these devastating events.

All of these needy Queenslanders received Round 1 payments, regardless of income. Initial payments were provided to anybody with flood or cyclone damage in their living space and were not means tested.

The Appeal Fund's first round of relief funding was announced by the Honourable Dr David Hamill AM, Chair of the independent Distribution Committee, on 20 January 2011. Within six working days from the commencement of this round, the first payments were made. Between 31 January 2011 and 30 June 2011, the Fund has subsequently distributed more than \$1.06 million each day. In the past week, approximately \$2.31 million has been distributed each day.

In Round 2, payments of between \$25,000 and \$180,000 have been made to 302 households who had their homes destroyed as a result of the floods or Cyclone Yasi. A total of \$18.52 million has been distributed to Round 2 applicants.

In Round 3, payments of between \$10 000 and \$90 000 have been made to 2,467 households whose homes were severely damaged by these disasters. A total of \$80.02 million has been distributed to Round 3 applicants.

A further \$10 million has been allocated to St Vincent de Paul to help individuals or families who are experiencing significant and continuing hardship and have limited capacity to recover without assistance.

Special grants of \$35 000 are also being offered to victims of the inland tsunami that swept the Lockyer Valley, to assist victims relocate their principal place of residence to higher ground above the 2011 flood level, through a coordinated land swap.

Queenslanders can be assured that every single cent of money donated to the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal will be used to help Queenslanders get their lives back on track.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-3 regarding the provision of support and assistance for the Queensland Reconstruction effort, will the Premier provide an outline on the support and assistance being provided to families, communities and businesses to assist them to recover and rebuild?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority was established on 21 February 2011 as a statutory authority for the efficient and effective coordination of reconstruction effort.

In under five months, significant progress has been made in the reconstruction, affirming the Government's commitment to make the support of families, communities and businesses its highest priority. Since February, the Authority has;

Undertaken the detailed planning required to build it back better;

- Developed a State-wide strategic plan, *Operation Queenslander*, to provide direction and oversee the implementation of the many tasks involved in the reconstruction and recovery process.
- Utilised its powers to fast track a new Development Scheme for the Grantham Reconstruction Area, working closely with Lockyer Valley Regional Council.
- Facilitated the delivery of the *Cassowary Coast Support Package*, providing up to \$15 million to repair the Dunk Island jetty, the Clump Point jetty and restore the Cardwell beach foreshore and its natural vegetation.
- Released guidelines for rebuilding in storm tide prone areas, focusing on Tully Heads/ Hull Heads, in partnership with Cassowary Coast Regional Council, the Cyclone Testing Station at James Cook University, CSIRO, the Australian Institute of Architects and GHD.
- Developed *Build Back – the rebuilding navigator*, a user-friendly website to help people navigate through the complex process of rebuilding their homes

Moved quickly to activate a raft of assistance programs;

- Activating Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) payments, including *Emergency Assistance Grants* provided to 55,798 applicants, totalling \$19.9 million and *Essential Household Contents Grants* provided to 10,559 applicants, totalling \$15.1 million.
- Delivering QRAA grants to 4,572 small businesses, totalling \$38.9 million and 6,141 primary producers totalling \$45.8 million.
- Providing 225 not-for-profit community groups with grants totalling \$1.6 million.
- Allocating \$20 million for the *Rural Resilience Package* to assist in the recovery of rural economies and communities impacted by Cyclone Yasi through the funding of industry recovery officers, farm and waterway clean ups, counselling and education support services, with \$5.9 million provided to date to the Operation Clean Up teams;

- Providing \$36 million for the *Community Recovery and Well-being Package* which will assist with community development and recovery; mental health disaster recovery; and financial counselling; and
- Providing \$38 million under the *Mental Health Natural Disaster Recovery Plan* which will recruit 126 temporary community mental health staff across the State to provide specialist counselling and therapy services, assisting those experiencing the most severe psychological trauma.
- Coordinating the *Join Forces* Program, matching donations from corporations, individuals and philanthropists with affected community organisations. To date 176 community organisation have registered with Join Forces for assistance, and 293 corporate donor matches have been made. An estimated \$4.8 million worth of corporate financial pledges have been committed.

Implemented a \$6.8 Billion Reconstruction Budget, with infrastructure funding arrangements to repair and rebuild communities including:

- Overseeing the immediate recovery of approximately 92% of all damaged State and Federal road network, and over 93% of all damaged rail network.
- Allocating \$2.9 billion for state controlled roads;
- Allocating \$2.7 billion for local government assets, with more than \$450 million in advance NDRRA payments made to Councils to date.
- Providing \$330 million in exceptional circumstances funding under the *Queensland Local Council Package*, to fast track repairs to previously non-NDRRA eligible local government infrastructure, including water and sewerage, Brisbane's ferry terminals and Riverwalk, and repairs to the Rockhampton Airport.
- Providing \$14.5 million for the *Sport Flood Fight Back Scheme*, which will assist sport and recreation organisations to re-establish programs and activities to ensure local communities can continue participating in sport, recreation and social interaction. To date \$13.5 million has been allocated under the Scheme, with 565 grants provided to sporting clubs.
- Providing \$11.6 million for land and water management initiatives which will include restoring gauging stations, clearing debris and material from high-risk areas of State land and the restoration and recovery of critical infrastructure throughout national parks and state forests; and
- Matching the donation of \$30 million by the United Arab Emirates with \$30 million in State funding for the construction of ten additional Category 5 cyclone shelters, which will also serve as multi-purpose facilities for year-round community use.

Supported the recovery of the State's economy and its industries through;

- \$83 million in the *Queensland Natural Disaster Jobs and Skills Package* which will assist approximately 10,000 Queenslanders by providing employment and work experience opportunities, apprentice and trainee support and training to address priority skills development. To date \$31.7 million has been allocated to assist 2,750 individuals and businesses through approved projects and jobs;
- \$13 million for the *Tourism Industry Support Package* which includes the 'Nothing Beats Queensland' campaign, aimed at encouraging domestic and international visitors back to Queensland.
- Promotion of the BSA's Disaster Recovery register of local licensed builders, suppliers and contractors whose services are available in the rebuild.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-3 regarding the provision of support and assistance for the Queensland Reconstruction effort, how many councils have received NDRRA funding and how much have they received in advance payments?

ANSWER:

As at 28 June 2011, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the Authority) had provided 56 Queensland local governments, impacted by recent natural disasters, with more than \$450 million in grant advance funding to ensure reconstruction works are not delayed by liquidity or cash-flow problems.

This is the first time since NDRRA arrangements began that local governments have received such funding up front. Previously, reimbursement of funding was provided following the completion of projects, with local governments receiving reimbursement for costs incurred.

The provision of advance payments allows councils to immediately undertake eligible reconstruction works with the knowledge that NDRRA funding is available, minimising project risk.

In total, the 2011-12 Budget outlines more than \$2.7 Billion in funding to be provided to local governments to meet the overall cost of reconstruction.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-15 where it lists the number of event activities organised, will the Premier outline what the purpose of the Building Revival Forum was and are there any outcomes from the event?

ANSWER:

In response to the downturn being experienced by the Queensland building and construction industry following the global financial crisis, I announced that the Government would hold a Building Revival Forum to discuss the challenges faced and to focus on the solutions required to kick-start this important industry.

The Building Revival Forum held on 12 April 2011 provided the opportunity for more than 150 key building industry participants to collectively discuss ideas that would help the industry regain momentum.

The Forum generated 115 ideas to support growth in the building industry and help it regain momentum. Forum participants indicated strong support for short-term economic boosts to help the industry, as well as long term improvements to housing affordability and planning and development assessment processes.

My Government made a commitment at the forum to review all the ideas, in consultation with industry organisations and local government, to finalise actions for implementation.

Many of ideas raised at the forum are already being addressed through my Government's current programs. These include improvements to the infrastructure charges system and significant planning system reforms.

The Government responded further in the 2011-12 Budget, providing;

- The \$140 million Queensland Building Boost, a \$10,000 grant for six months from 1 August 2011 for anyone building or buying a new house or unit valued at up to \$600,000;
- Additional funding of \$4.2 million in 2011-12 and \$1.8 million per annum from 2012-13 for a number of initiatives arising from the Building Revival Forum, including;
 - The establishment of a Major Projects Office to help guide significant projects through the planning and development approval processes
 - contributing up to \$2 million to a Development Assessment Process Reform Program lead by the Council of Mayors (SEQ) to help improve the way local government manages planning and development assessment processes and timeframes;
 - Further investigation of proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution and greater use of self certification for operational works.

A range of other key actions were released on 14 June as part of the Government Response to the Building Revival Forum, including;

- reviewing the implementation progress of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 to identify benefits achieved and any barriers and impediments that need to be addressed.
- investigating the feasibility of establishing a new dispute resolution process such as a development assessment appeals tribunal as a cost effective and faster alternative to the Planning and Environment Court;
- drawing on learnings from the Urban Land Development Authority that could inform future amendments to planning legislation; and
- supporting the delivery of mixed lot sizes in planning schemes to help developers deliver an affordable range of housing products.

All of these actions will support an industry that is still recovering from the effects of the global financial crisis.

Our building revival actions have a dual focus; providing the short-term stimulus required to generate demand in the building and construction industry, while setting the foundations for the future through long-term improvements to the planning and development approval system in Queensland.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-4, in relation to the People's Question Time, will the Premier explain how the government delivered and promoted this initiative to encourage members of the public to ask the Premier and panelists their questions?

ANSWER:

The Government has continued to deliver regular People's Question Time sessions to give Queenslanders the chance to put their questions directly to me, my Ministers and representatives of other agencies in an open public format.

People's Question Time is streamed live, using the internet as the main mechanism for engaging with people.

This means that Queenslanders, no matter where they live, can put their questions forward. Anyone can then tune in online to watch the live and unedited panel discussion during which I and other panelists answer as many questions as possible in the allotted time. All questions are selected by an independent moderator – I do not see any questions before the forum nor do other panelists.

A total of seven People's Question Time sessions have now been held. It is estimated that a total of 440 people have attended sessions and a further 6,480 people have watched the live webcasts, with 20-30 public questions answered per session.

To encourage members of the public to ask their questions, we employ a variety of advertising and promotional methods.

For example, we advertise each upcoming People's Question Time in relevant newspapers, including regional newspapers as well as The Courier-Mail.

In advance of each session we also advertise online on major news websites, including The Courier-Mail and Brisbane Times, to encourage people to click through and submit their questions

To reach an even wider audience, we make use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter to announce upcoming sessions, invite questions and remind people to watch online.

We also invite representatives from relevant community groups and organisations to attend each People's Question Time as part of the audience. This not only gives the representatives a chance to ask a question in-person and listen to the discussion, but it also ensures those with a strong interest in the issue are aware of the opportunity and can subsequently encourage their members and contacts to take part online.

Finally, to ensure everyone has opportunities to ask questions, we offer a dedicated email subscription service for anyone interested in receiving news and reminders about People's Question Time. Members of the public can subscribe online at the Queensland Government's website.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-4 regarding recent achievements in relation to the protection of North Stradbroke Island, will the Premier outline the progress made on resolving native title issues on Stradbroke Island and what it means for the Quandamooka people?

ANSWER:

A key objective of my Government's North Stradbroke Island Strategy has been to achieve the resolution of native title through an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

With the full support of the Queensland Government, the Federal Court of Australia determined on 4 July 2011 that the Quandamooka People are the native title holders of North Stradbroke Island and surrounding waters, recognising their long and enduring connection with the lands and seas of the island. The determination by the Federal Court recognises exclusive native title rights and interests over approximately 2,264 hectares of land; non-exclusive native title rights and interests over approximately 22,639 hectares of land, as well as approximately 29,505 hectares of the Moreton Bay Marine Park area.

The Queensland Government and the Quandamooka People have worked hard for many years to achieve this, and I congratulate the Quandamooka people on this outcome and thank them for their willingness to negotiate and their patience.

In addition to the native title determination the Quandamooka People and the Queensland Government have also agreed on an ILUA and an Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) over lands and waters within the determination areas. These agreements provide for the resolution of land tenure issues on the island, provide the Quandamooka people with opportunities for land ownership and enshrine their participation in the management of their traditional country. They also provide the framework for an ongoing productive and cooperative relationship between the State and the Quandamooka people.

The settlement of the Quandamooka people's native title claim establishes a new model for tenure and protected area status in South-East Queensland through the creation of indigenous joint management areas. These areas will coexist with protected areas in the North Stradbroke Island Region that are also Aboriginal freehold land.

Aboriginal freehold land will be granted to the Quandamooka people for several purposes. The granting of Aboriginal land means that the Quandamooka people will be formally recognised as the rightful landholders of that land as well as having access to, and involvement in, the management of country. The contribution that this makes directly to the Traditional Owners and to the greater community should not be underestimated.

Delivering land justice for the Quandamooka people and creating a world class protected area on North Stradbroke Island have been priorities for my Government and what has been achieved is an important legacy for future generations.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-4 regarding recent achievements on the PNG Hydro project, will the Premier give the committee an update on the project?

ANSWER:

On 15 September 2010, I signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG), PNG Energy Developments Ltd and Origin Energy to support the development of the Purari Hydro Resource at Wabo in the Gulf Province of PNG.

The project has enormous potential benefits for both PNG and Australia, economically, environmentally and socially..

It is projected to be able 485 megawatts of generation capacity to PNG – doubling the current supply in PNG - helping to drive significant economic and social development opportunities for PNG.

At the same time through a transmission line that would traverse the Torres Strait, Cape York and connect at Townsville with the Australian National Energy Market it could provide up to 1200 megawatts of long-term affordable base load renewable electricity for Far North and North West Queensland.

For Queensland this will open up of a range of industry, renewable energy and other development options in Far North Queensland and the North West minerals province.

Benefits include increased employment associated with the construction of a multi-billion dollar transmission line as well as helping Queensland avoiding 8 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually, which would help achieve the key Toward Q2 green target of cutting Queensland's carbon footprint by one third.

Feasibility studies have begun and are being conducted by consortium of AECOM, Electricity de France, Entura and ERM. Project feasibility studies are expected to be completed in 2012, including comprehensive environmental, sociological and engineering studies.

A working group of Senior Queensland Government officers and the project proponents has been established to gain a better understanding of both the scope and schedule of the Wabo project, and the progress of feasibility studies. PNG Government and Commonwealth Government officials have also been invited to attend.

Once feasibility has been established by the project's proponents, the State Government will through the Coordinator General process help facilitate the transmission line corridor and resolution of tenure issues, as well as working with the Commonwealth Government to co-ordinate the approval process and ultimately facilitating connection to the national electricity grid.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-34 where it states there will be an investment in Events Queensland Regional Development Program to extend the flow of economic and social benefits of events to the regions giving a boost to local communities, will the Premier detail some of the regional events that will be rolled out over the coming year and what community benefits are anticipated as a result?

ANSWER:

The Events Queensland Regional Development Program (EQRDP) is an investment program designed to extend the flow of economic and social benefits of events to regional Queensland.

This year's Budget takes the annual funding for EQRDP from \$2.4 million to \$3 million, acknowledging the Program's vital role in supporting more than 100 events in communities all over Queensland each year

The program supports a diverse portfolio of events which help to attract a continuous stream of interstate and international visitors to the state. At the same time, events raise the profile of Queensland nationally and overseas, encouraging future tourism and investment.

In collaboration with local councils and Regional Tourist Organisations (RTOs), EQRDP supports a diverse range of events which showcase our regions, attract visitors and enhance their experience, and retain valuable tourism dollars within the region and state.

Events Queensland has created the most comprehensive portfolio of supported events of any state in Australia. Since 2001 the Regional Development program has invested over \$17.5 million across 815 events. The Regional Program covers events held outside of the Brisbane region.

The events supported under this program range from music, fishing and food festivals, to camel races, kite surfing and cultural celebrations.

In 2010-2011 a total of 103 events received funding support totalling \$1,855,180.

Examples of some of these events are:

The Abbey Medieval Festival – Caboolture

2/07/2011 - 10/07/2011

Round 20 - \$26,000 investment

Caboolture – population of approx 15,000

Event attracts approx 24,000

The Abbey Medieval Festival is a week-long event that features a traditional banquet, a medieval themed children's fun day and culminates with a weekend tournament. In 2010, approximately 24,000 people including 800 re-enactors took part in the festival. The Tournament highlights many aspects of medieval life, from mock battles and jousting to drama, music, craft and dance. The Abbey Museum seeks through the Abbey Medieval Festival to offer the public a cultural and educational experience that demonstrates the significant impact the Middle Ages had on civilisation. The festival provides a fabulous "Living History" experience that is both entertaining and enjoyable.

Apple & Grape Harvest 2012 - Stanthorpe

2/3/2012-4/3/2012

Round 20 - \$15,000 investment

Stanthorpe – population of approx 4,000

Event Attracts approx 60,000 to 80,000 people.

A three day biennial celebration of the Granite Belt region's booming horticultural, wine and tourism industries. Events include Apple Day, Sports Activities, Seniors Concert, Grand Ball, Grand Parade, Queensland Grape Crushing Competition, Street and Market stalls, Wine and Multicultural Food Fiesta, Pipe and Brass Bands, Fireworks, Open Garden in stages, Quilting Competition, Fun Run, Children activities in the park and a variety of entertainment for all ages.

This event receives the support required to run an event of this size from its community as all businesses and residents are involved in some aspect.

Wide Bay Australia International Airshow 2011

19/08/2011 - 21/08/2011

Round 20 - \$100,000 investment

Bundaberg – population of approx 60,000

Projected attendance at the 2011 event is over 25,000, after the 2009 event attracted 22,000 people over 3 days.

The Airshow is a three day extravaganza for the aviation industry and aviation enthusiasts featuring aircraft from a bygone era, including aircraft from WWII, right up to the present day. Held from Friday to Sunday, the first day is a Trade Show which supports the growing Wide Bay aviation industry. Saturday and Sunday are devoted to aerobatic and other displays of aircraft from pre-war through to the latest RAAF aircraft such as the Super Hornet. The Airshow is the largest event to be held in Bundaberg contributing substantially to accommodation and tourism revenue throughout the Wide Bay region including the North Burnett, South Burnett, Fraser Coast (Hervey Bay) and the Bundaberg region.

Other regional events supported by the Program include:

- Barra, Beef and Bulldust Expo 2011 - Karumba
- Cairns Street Buskers Festival 2011 – Cairns
- Central Highlands Multicultural Festival 2011 – Emerald
- Cunnamulla Fella Festival 2011 – Cunnamulla
- Gourmet in Gundy 2011 – Goondiwindi
- Great Wheelbarrow Race 2011 – Mareeba to Chillagoe
- Leyburn Historic Sprints 2011 – Leyburn
- Noosa Winter Festival 2012 – Noosa Heads
- Swell Sculpture Festival 2011 – Currumbin
- Townsville Triathlon Festival 2011 – Townsville
- World Professional Kitesurfing Tour 2011 – Gold Coast

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-5 and the drafting of legislation for the protection of North Stradbroke Island, will the Premier provide an update of progress since the legislation was passed?

ANSWER:

The *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011* received assent on 14 April 2011. The Act now provides a clear timetable to end all mining on the island and establishes a framework for Indigenous joint management of protected areas in the North Stradbroke Island region.

A key objective of my Government's North Stradbroke Island Strategy has been to achieve the resolution of native title through an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

With the full support of the Queensland Government, the Federal Court of Australia determined on 4 July 2011 that the Quandamooka People are the native title holders of North Stradbroke Island and surrounding waters, recognising their long and enduring connection with the lands and seas of the island. The determination by the Federal Court recognises exclusive native title rights and interests over approximately 2,264 hectares of land; non-exclusive native title rights and interests over approximately 22,639 hectares of land, as well as approximately 29,505 hectares of the Moreton Bay Marine Park area.

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In addition to the native title determination the Quandamooka People and the Queensland Government have also agreed on an ILUA and an Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) over lands and waters within the determination areas. These agreements provide for the resolution of land tenure issues on the island, provide the Quandamooka people with opportunities for land ownership and enshrine their participation in the management of their traditional country. They also provide the framework for an ongoing productive and cooperative relationship between the State and the Quandamooka people.

My Government is working towards 80 per cent of North Stradbroke Island becoming national park once all existing mining operations end. On 25 March 2011, the first stage of the new Naree Budjong Djara National Park was declared over 20 per cent of the island. This means that 5240 hectares has already been given the highest possible form of protection.

The agreement of the ILUA will result in the declaration of additional protected areas on North Stradbroke Island, securing the protection of approximately 50 per cent of the island by December 2011.

The Queensland Government's North Stradbroke Island strategy provides for an orderly and planned transition to a future without mining. To assist the transition, an Economic Transition Taskforce with representation from local business, the local community, the Quandamooka People and local and state government interests has been established.

Through the Taskforce the Government is working with the Island community to develop local ownership and leadership to stimulate employment initiatives and economic development projects.

The Taskforce is currently overseeing a work program that investigates the viability of different economic opportunities on the Island. This includes the development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy which will be supported by a number of Industry Action Plans across key sectors including tourism, the education and training sector, indigenous business, and a fourth sector yet to be determined.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-4 in relation to implementation of significant reforms of the Parliamentary Committee system, will the Premier provide some details about how the legislative changes by the Parliament of Queensland (Reform and Modernisation) Amendment Bill 2011 will strengthen and support the role of the Legislative Assembly in scrutinising legislation and executive government?

ANSWER:

The *Parliament of Queensland (Reform and Modernisation) Amendment Act 2011* (the Act) implemented the first stage of the government's response to the work undertaken by the Bipartisan Committee System Review Committee in 2010.

The Act provides the legislative framework for the establishment of a system of portfolio committees made up of an equal number of government and non-government members. The Assembly recently established seven such portfolio committees which have been allocated responsibility for reviewing portfolio areas including each Minister and the departments, statutory authorities, government owned corporations or administrative units which report to them.

The role of the portfolio committees is to consider Appropriation Bills as estimates committees; consider Bills and subordinate legislation; and perform their role in relation to public accounts and public works within their portfolio. The portfolio committees will be able to question Ministers and public servants about these matters and their comprehensive powers and responsibilities will ensure that the budget, accounts, capital works, Bills and subordinate legislation for Ministerial portfolio areas will be examined in one committee forum in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

A key aspect of these reforms is the ability of the portfolio committees when considering a Bill to not only consider the application of fundamental legislative principles contained in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, but to also consider the policy intent of the Bill. In undertaking this function, the portfolio committees are able to call for and receive submissions about the Bill; hold public hearings and take evidence from witnesses; engage expert or technical assistance and advice; and seek the opinion of other portfolio committees.

I expect that the new portfolio committees will ensure the highest standards of parliamentary scrutiny of the executive.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-12 and 1-13, will the Premier list the titles of each of the staff with their respective pay scale, listed separately by ministerial office?

ANSWER:

The following list outlines the information requested as per the table at SDS 1-13

Office	Position Title	No	Classification
Opposition			
	Chief of Staff	1	AO8 - SO
	Director of Communications	1	AO8 - SO
	Director of Strategy	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	5	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	3	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	3	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Office Manager and Personal Secretary to the Leader	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary to the Chief of Staff	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Premier and Minister for Reconstruction			
	Chief of Staff	1	CEO
	Deputy Chief of Staff	1	SO - SES2
	Director-Government Media Unit	1	SO - SES2
	Deputy Director, Government Media Unit	1	SO - SES2
	Principal Media Advisor	1	SO - SES2
	Senior Media Advisor, Government Media Unit	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	5	AO8 - SO
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Co-ordinator, Media Monitoring	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	4	AO6 - AO7
	Liaison Officer	1	AO6
	Media Information Officer	1	AO5
	Assistant Information Officer	1	AO4
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Office Manager and Personal Secretary to the Chief of Staff	1	AO6
	Personal Secretary	1	AO6
	Assistant Personal Secretary	1	AO4 - AO5
	Support Officer	1	AO4
	Administrative Officer (Media)	1	AO1 - AO3
	Administrative Officer	3	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	2	OO3 - OO4

Office	Position Title	No	Classification
Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	2	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	3	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary	1	AO4 - AO5
	Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Administrative Officer (Media)	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	2	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary	1	AO4 - AO5
	Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Health			
	Principal Advisor	1	SO - SES2
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	3	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	2	AO8 - SO1
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3

Office	Position Title	No	Classification
Minister for Energy and Water Utilities			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure			
	Principal Advisor	1	SO - SES2
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Assistant Policy Advisor	3	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Education and Industrial Relations			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3

Office	Position Title	No	Classification
Minister for Finance and The Arts			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	2	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Environment and Resource Management			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	3	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	3	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Sport			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3

Office	Position Title	No	Classification
Minister for Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	2	AO6 - AO7
	Media Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer/Media Assistant	1	AO1 - AO3
	Administrative Officer	1	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Government Services, Building Industry and Information and Communication Technology			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Policy Advisor	1	AO6 - AO7
	Assistant Policy Advisor	2	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3
Minister for Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships			
	Principal Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Principal Media Advisor	1	AO8 - SES2
	Senior Policy Advisor	1	AO8 - SO
	Assistant Policy Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Assistant Media Advisor	1	AO4 - AO5
	Personal Secretary/Office Manager	1	AO4 - AO5
	Administrative Officer	2	AO1 - AO3
	Chauffeur/Assistant	1	OO3

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS1-2 where it states that *'the department.....assist(s) the Premier and Cabinet to make informed decisions on issues, trends and developments'*, for all market research campaigns in 2009-10 and 2010-11, will the Premier (a) provide details of the following, broken down by (i) name of the campaign, (ii) the issue or question pursued, (iii) dates of the campaign, (iv) total cost of the campaign; and (b) will the Premier provide a copy of each report to the committee?

ANSWER:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has conducted a number of whole of government surveys.

In addition to the market research listed in my answer to Question on Notice 1488, asked on 8 October 2009 for the period 10 November 2008 to 8 October 2009, the following is a sample of the types of campaigns;

- Daylight Saving Survey, covering the issue of daylight saving for South East Queensland through questions on a referendum and a possible trial. The survey period was from 15 April 2010 to 30 May 2010 and a report is available at <http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/your-say/daylight-saving-results.html>
- Alcohol Related Violence Survey, covering the issues of alcohol related violence in entertainment precincts and venue closing times. The survey period was from 19 March 2010 to 16 April 2010 and a report is available at <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/community-issues/assets/alcohol-related-violencesurvey-report.pdf>
- Growth Summit Survey, questions covering various issues associated with population growth, between 23 February 2010 and 1 April 2010 and a report is available at <http://growthsummit.premiers.qld.gov.au/resources.aspx>

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet commissioned the following companies to undertake research in 2009-10 and 2010-11

- The Nielsen Company
- Taylor Nelson Sofres Australia (TNS)
- Colmar Brunton Research.

The total DPC expenditure on market research projects for 2009-10 was \$207,413 (excluding GST).

The total DPC expenditure on market research projects for 2010-11 was \$119,300 (excluding GST).

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-15, will the Premier detail by ministerial office in table format the

- (a) number of ministerial training days provided,
- (b) number of staff attending, and
- (c) topics of the training day.

ANSWER:

The following table outlines the information requested as per SDS1-15.

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ATTENDEES</u>
<u>Premier and Minister for Reconstruction</u> <u>(incorporates the former Office of the Premier</u> <u>and Minister for the Arts)</u>	
HR Induction	12
Office Managers Meeting	8
Ethics & Accountability	21
Microsoft Excel Introduction	1
Microsoft Excel Intermediate	1
Microsoft Excel Advanced	1
Microsoft Powerpoint Introduction	1
Microsoft Powerpoint Advanced	1
Microsoft Publisher Introduction	1
Microsoft Word Introduction	1
Microsoft Word Intermediate	1
RecFind Training	5
Workplace Behaviour	37
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	40.68
<u>Deputy Premier and Attorney-General,</u> <u>Ministerial for Local Government and Special</u> <u>Minister of State (incorporates the former Office</u> <u>of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health)</u>	
HR Induction	5
Office Managers Meeting	6
Ethics & Accountability	9
RecFind Training	3
Workplace Behaviour	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	12.76

**Treasurer and Minister for State Development
and Trade (incorporates the former Office of the
Treasurer and Minister for Employment and
Economic Development)**

HR Induction	3
Office Managers Meeting	6
Finance	1
Ethics & Accountability	11
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	10.48

**Health (incorporates the former Office of the
Minister for Education)**

HR Induction	4
Office Managers Meeting	5
Ethics & Accountability	13
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	14.52

**Police, Corrective Services and Emergency
Services (no change)**

Advanced Project Management	1
Ethics & Accountability	10
HR Induction	3
Office Managers Meeting	6
Finance	1
Project Management	1
Workplace Behaviour	12
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	14.03

**Energy and Water Utilities (incorporates the
former Office of the Minister for Natural
Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for
Trade)**

HR Induction	4
Office Managers Meeting	6
AP, Petty Cash, Cabcharge, Allowances	2
Finance	2
Ethics & Accountability	13
Project Management Fundamentals	1
Workplace Behaviour	12
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	16.07

**Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure
(incorporates the former Office of the Minister
for Main Roads)**

HR Induction	2
Office Managers Meeting	5
Ethics & Accountability	7
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	9.38

**Education and Industrial Relations (incorporate
the former Office of the Attorney-General and
Minister for Industrial Relations)**

Office Mangers Meeting	2
AP, Petty Cash, Cabcharge, Allowances	1
Finance	1
Ethics & Accountability	9
HR Induction	3
Office Managers Meeting	3
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	11.38

**Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies
(incorporates the former Office of the Minister
for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and
Regional Queensland)**

HR Induction	2
Office Managers Meeting	6
Public Sector Writing	1
Ethics & Accountability	7
Workplace Behaviour	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	9.07

**Employment, Skill and Mining (incorporates the
former Office of the Minister for Infrastructure
and Planning)**

HR Induction	4
Office Managers Meeting	6
Ethics & Accountability	10
Project Management Fundamentals	1
Research Skills	1
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	12

Finance, Natural Resources and the Arts

HR Induction	1
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Office Managers Meeting	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	0.14

Environment (incorporates the former Office of the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability)

HR Induction	2
Office Managers Meeting	4
Ethics & Accountability	5
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	7.38

Transport and Multicultural Affairs (incorporates the former Office of the Minister for Transport)

HR Induction	2
Office Managers Meeting	3
Ethics & Accountability	9
RecFind Training	1
Workplace Behaviour	11
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	11.52

Child Safety and Minister for Sport (no change)

AP, Petty Cash, Cabcharge, Allowances	2
Finance	1
Ethics & Accountability	8
HR Induction	7
Office Managers Meeting	5
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	10.97

Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (no change)

Ethics & Accountability	9
HR Induction	4
Office Managers Meeting	6
RecFind Training	3
Workplace Behaviour	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	11.97

Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business (incorporates the former Office of the Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading)

AP, Petty Cash, Cabcharge, Allowances	2
Finance	2
HR Induction	1

Office Managers Meeting	5
Ethics & Accountability	11
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	12
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	13.14

Government Services, Building Industry and Information and Communication Technology (incorporates the former Office of the Minister for Public Works, and Information and Communication Technology)

HR Induction	5
Office Managers Meeting	4
AP, Petty Cash, Cabcharge, Allowances	1
Ethics & Accountability	7
Microsoft Excel Introduction	1
Microsoft Excel Intermediate	1
Microsoft Powerpoint Introduction	1
Microsoft Powerpoint Advanced	1
Microsoft Publisher Introduction	1
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	7
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	14.07

Disability Services, Mental Health and ATSIP (incorporates the former Office of the Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs)

HR Induction	3
Office Managers Meeting	3
Ethics & Accountability	5
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	7.83

Former Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Ethics & Accountability	7
HR Induction	1
Office Managers Meeting	4
RecFind Training	2
Workplace Behaviour	7
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS	9.17

GRAND TOTAL OF TRAINING DAYS*:	236
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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-13, will the Premier provide the classification and number of all staff seconded from departments to work in minister's offices including liaison officers (in table format reported separately by ministerial office)?

ANSWER:

The number of staff listed below forms part of the 245 total staff listed in SDS 1-13.

This list represents public servants seconded as ministerial staff and does not include Departmental Liaison officers as they are not seconded to ministerial offices.

Premier and Minister for Reconstruction

AO6

AO5

TOTAL 3

Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Ministerial for Local Government and Special Minister of State

SO

AO6

AO3

OO3

TOTAL 4

Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade

AO8

AO6

AO5

AO5

TOTAL 4

Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services

AO8

AO5

TOTAL 2

Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure

AO5

TOTAL 1

Education and Industrial Relations

SO

TOTAL 1

Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies

SO

AO3

TOTAL 2

Finance and the Arts

AO7

TOTAL 1

Environment and Resource Management

AO6

AO5

OO3

TOTAL 3

Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women

SO

AO7

AO3

TOTAL 3

Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business

OO3

TOTAL 1

**Disability Services, Mental Health and
ATSIP**

AO8

AO3

TOTAL 2

GRAND TOTAL - 27

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No. 15

QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-71, will the Premier advise how many applications have been received for NDRRA funding since December last year (listing all projects separately by council)?

ANSWER:

To allow all local government areas across the state to commence the recovery and reconstruction process as quickly as possible, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority has provided advance payments to councils.

This is the first time since NDRRA arrangements began that local governments have received such funding up front. Previously, reimbursement of funding was provided following the completion of projects, with local governments receiving reimbursement for costs incurred.

As at 28 June 2011, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the Authority) had provided 56 Queensland Local Governments, impacted by recent natural disasters, with more than \$450 million in grant advance funding to ensure reconstruction works are not delayed by liquidity or cash-flow problems.

The size, quality and complexity of submissions vary considerably, from several thousand dollars to tens of millions of dollars. Each submission is assessed on a case by case basis, with some requiring clarification of detail from local governments. As at 7 July 2011, a total of 310 submissions from 37 local authorities had been received by the Authority, as listed in the following table.

I note that over half of these submissions have been received from Brisbane City Council, who I understand had asked each works depot to make individual submissions, with some claims as small as \$462. Many other Councils have bundled their submissions into work packages of several hundred thousand dollars or more, allowing the Authority to process these applications more efficiently. Discussions are occurring with Brisbane City Council to assist in streamlining their application processes.

NDRRA Project Funding (QldRA Administered) LGAs	Number of Applications Received
GRAND TOTALS	
Far North Queensland	
Cairns Regional Council	1
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	19
Cook Shire Council	3
Croydon Shire Council	1
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	1
Tablelands Regional Council	2
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	1
North Queensland	
Burdekin Shire Council	5
Burke Shire Council	1
Carpentaria Shire Council	2
Charters Towers Regional Council	1
Cloncurry Shire Council	3
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	2
McKinlay Shire Council	1
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	1
Townsville City Council	2
Central Queensland	
Banana Shire Council	1
Barcaldine Regional Council	1
Isaac Regional Council	1
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	5
Southern Queensland	
Balonne Shire Council	3
Bulloo Shire Council	1
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	4
Goondiwindi Regional Council	5
Gympie Regional Council	5
Murweh Shire Council	4
North Burnett Regional Council	13
Quilpie Shire Council	1
South Burnett Regional Council	2
Toowoomba Regional Council	14
Western Downs Regional Council	1
South East Queensland	
Brisbane City Council	164
Gold Coast City Council	1
Ipswich City Council	8
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	26
Somerset Regional Council	1
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	3
TOTALS	
Far North Queensland	28
North Queensland	18
Central Queensland	8
Southern Queensland	53
South East Queensland	203
Total - LGAs	310

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No. 16

QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-71, will the Premier advise how many approvals have been issued for NDRRA funding since December last year (listing all projects separately by council)?

ANSWER:

To allow all local government areas across the state to commence the recovery and reconstruction process as quickly as possible, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority has provided advance payments to councils.

This is the first time since NDRRA arrangements began that local governments have received such funding up front. Previously, reimbursement of funding was provided following the completion of projects, with local governments receiving reimbursement for costs incurred.

As at 28 June 2011, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the Authority) had provided 56 Queensland Local Governments, impacted by recent natural disasters, with more than \$450 million in grant advance funding to ensure reconstruction works are not delayed by liquidity or cash-flow problems.

The size, quality and complexity of submissions vary considerably, from several thousand dollars to tens of millions of dollars. Each submission is assessed on a case by case basis, with some requiring clarification of detail from local governments. As at 7 July 2011, a total of 310 submissions from local authorities had been received by the Authority and of these a total of 120 had been approved for funding, some two-thirds from Brisbane City Council, while 23 have been assessed and either rejected or withdrawn.

Of the submissions currently under consideration, 13 are back with local governments awaiting further information, and a further 43 submissions were only received in the last two weeks.

NDRRA Project Funding (QldRA Administered)	Submissions Approved
LGAs	
GRAND TOTALS	
Far North Queensland	
Cairns Regional Council	1
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	4
Croydon Shire Council	1
Tablelands Regional Council	2
North Queensland	
Burdekin Shire Council	1
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	1
Central Queensland	
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	3
Southern Queensland	
Balonne Shire Council	1
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	4
Goondiwindi Regional Council	1
Gympie Regional Council	1
North Burnett Regional Council	7
South East Queensland	
Brisbane City Council	80
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	12
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	1
TOTALS	
Far North Queensland	8
North Queensland	2
Central Queensland	3
Southern Queensland	14
South East Queensland	93
Total - LGAs	120

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No. 17

QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-3, will the Premier detail the number of staff allocated to the Premiers Disaster Relief Appeal, listed in table format by date of appointment, pay level and duration of service in days, including whether they were seconded from within the public service or outside appointments?

ANSWER:

In addition to my response to Question on Notice No. 484 of 5 April 2011, I confirm that the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal (the appeal) Secretariat has three full time equivalent staff temporarily seconded from within the public service, allocated to support the appeal's Distribution Committee.

In addition to the Secretariat staff within my department, the Financial Management section of my department has a total of six full time equivalent staff engaged in managing donations to the appeal and receipting donations.

Role:	Level:	Start Date:
Director	SO	17 January 2011
Principal Project Officer	AO8	17 January 2011
Principal Project Officer	AO7	17 January 2011
Manager	AO8	24 January 2011
Administration Officer	AO3	20 January 2011
Administration Officer	AO2 X 4	20 January 2011

Staff wages are being met through my department's operating budget. Not one cent of the money donated to the appeal is being used to meet administration costs or to pay staff wages.

However, in addition to staff in my department, the assessing and processing over 38 000 claims for assistance from the appeal has involved significant deployment of officers from the Department of Communities, the Department of Environment and Resource Management and the Australian Government (Centrelink).

Staff numbers fluctuate as demand has fluctuated.

As previously advised, at the commencement of Round 1 in late January 2011, a total of 51 staff including 13 Queensland Government employees (Department of Communities 8 employees, Department of Environment and Resource Management 5 employees) and 38 Australian Government (Centrelink) employees were engaged in the assessment and processing of claims.

By mid February 2011, this number had increased to a total of 76 staff, including 20 Queensland Government employees (Department of Communities 12 employees, Department of Environment and Resource Management 8 employees) and 56 Australian Government (Centrelink) employees.

This resourcing was increased in response to the large volume of applications received. At the peak of the Round 1 activity in early March 2011, a total of 415 staff including 135 Queensland Government employees (Department of Communities 127 employees, Department of Environment and Resource Management 8 employees) and 280 Australian Government (Centrelink) employees were engaged in the assessment and processing of claims.

Rounds 2 and 3 have been administered by the Department of Communities and have had up to 200 staff, led by an Assistant Director-General, working seven days a week assessing and case managing structural damage assistance applications.

As of Friday 8 July, 146 staff were allocated to this assessment process.

Numbers of staff involved in assessing claims under current funding rounds will continue to fluctuate as demand dictates.

My Government is committed to paying the appeal funds out quickly to those who need a helping hand to recover from the impact of the floods and Tropical Cyclone Yasi. Sufficient staff numbers have been allocated across Government to ensure that the distribution of funds is not delayed.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-67/1-68, regarding the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and concerning employee expenses and staffing numbers, will the Premier provide in table format the number of employees by pay level and date the position was created?

ANSWER:

Queensland Reconstruction Authority commenced operations on 21 February 2011.

Employees commenced shortly thereafter, with a total of 123 employed by the end of 2010-11.

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
AO2	5
AO3	4
AO4	7
AO5	9
AO6	9
AO7	12
AO8	15
SO	11
SES	6
CEO	1
ADF	15
QPS	5
SHORT-TERM CONTRACTORS	24
TOTAL	123

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-68 regarding the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, will the Premier provide an itemised breakdown of supplies and services, depreciation and other expenses as listed in the income statement?

ANSWER:

Supplies and Services includes budgeted costs for:

- Contractors to assist with the establishment of the Authority, Value for Money Framework required by the National Partnership Agreement, preparation of the State, Local and Implementation Plans, reporting systems and processes required to ensure efficient and appropriate distribution of Recovery and Reconstruction monies.
- Travel and vehicle expenses to engage with communities and local governments
- Establishment and ongoing costs in relation to communication and community liaison arrangements and framework including mapping of destruction and reconstruction.
- Information and Communication Technology expenditure for the Authority internally and external requirements to enable reports from Local Government and State Agencies in relation to reconstruction progress across the State.
- Centralised costs such as office rental and utilities.
- Costs in relation to the Authority's governance requirements including the finance and accounting function, internal assurance function, procurement and contracts function and general administration function.

Depreciation expense includes the accounting depreciation of the Authority's Non-Current assets capitalised in accordance with Queensland Treasury guidelines.

Other expenses includes Queensland Audit Office fees, Authority insurance costs and other minor costs.

The total operating budget for the Authority equates to approximately 1 per cent of the \$6.8B disaster recovery funding. Due to the nature of the recent disaster events, the Authority is required to undertake many tasks that are additional to those normally undertaken by Government during a disaster event.

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QUESTION:

With reference to SDS 1-68 regarding the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the income statement, will the Premier advise (a) if the surplus from 2010-11 will be directed to 2011-12 expenditure, (b) where the surplus in 2011-12 will be directed, and (c) all funds from the Australian Government and Abbot Point Coal Terminal sale which have been acquitted to date, in itemised form.

ANSWER:

- (a) The cash surplus from 2010-11 will be directed to Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) expenditure in 2011-12.
- (b) As noted on SDS 1-70 the balance of cash at the end of the 2010-11 financial year will represent cash at the beginning of the 2011-12 financial year. The remaining cash surplus for 2011-12 will be directed to NDRRA expenditure in 2012-13.
- (c) The State and Federal Governments have provided \$1.99 billion of grants toward NDRRA projects. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority has provided \$450 million of NDRRA grant advance funding to Local Government Agencies and \$443 million of NDRRA grant advance funding to State Agencies. Both Local and State Agencies are currently undertaking acquittal processes in relation to these advances. The proceeds from the sale of the Abbot Point Coal Terminal have been received into Consolidated Fund and the \$1.8 billion is in the process of being transferred to the Reconstruction Authority this week.