

Question on Notice
No. 724
Asked on 2 May 2019

Mr C Boyce asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Free Queensland Flag scheme—

Will the Premier advise why government departments are ineligible to receive a Queensland flag to display proudly outside of their government buildings?

ANSWER:

The Free Queensland Flag Scheme was introduced in 1982 to educate our youth about the Queensland flag and inspire pride in the flying of the State flag.

In line with the Scheme, free Queensland flags are distributed, via local Members of Parliament, to Queensland state schools, youth groups and eligible community organisations. Those not eligible for free flags include commercial organisations, individuals and Queensland Government outlets which are not significantly youth focused and whose parent departments can purchase flags on their behalf.

Government owned buildings where facilities are available to fly flags appropriately, should include the cost of flags and their replacement in the ongoing maintenance of the building. When a department occupies space in a leased building, the Department should encourage the building owner to include the flags as part of the lease agreement, as happens at 1 William Street.