

Question On Notice
No 554
Asked on Wednesday 19 May 2004

MISS SIMPSON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (MR MACKENROTH)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the newly established Office of Urban Management-

- (1) Will he detail the number of full-time equivalent, casual, part-time and temporary staff employed within this newly established office, by position and classification and whether any of these staff have been seconded from another department and/or agency?
- (2) Will he detail the budget that has been allocated to run the Office of Urban Management and what funding have Queensland's local governments contributed to the establishment and/or running of this office?

ANSWER:

(1) It is not possible to give precise details at the present time as the Department is currently undertaking a number of recruitment and selection activities on behalf of the Office.

However, a report prepared by the Urban Management and Infrastructure Coordination Committee dated 31 March 2004, is available on the Department's website which details the proposed structure for the Office. This report indicates that the Office will initially have 31 staff and 6 secondees with staff numbers proposed to reduce to 28 in the longer term.

To date current staffing arrangements are as follows with a number of staff having transferred from the Department's SEQ 2021 Resource Unit, Planning Services, into the Office of Urban Management.

Executive Director (interchange from Brisbane City Council)
Executive Assistant to Executive Director AO4 (acting)
Manager, Secretariat, Engagement and Communication SO2 (permanent)
GIS Coordinator AO7 (relieving)
GIS Officer AO5 (temporary .6)
Consultation Officer AO6 (relieving)
Management Support Officer AO4 (permanent)
Senior Regional Planner AO7 (relieving)
Senior Regional Planner AO7 (relieving)
Senior Strategic Planner AO7 (relieving)
Regional Planner AO6 (temporary)
Administration Officer AO 3 (temporary)
Senior Infrastructure AO8 Coordinator (permanent)
GIS Officer AO7 (relieving .5 FTE)
Advisor Treasury SO2 (secondee)
Advisor Main Roads AO8 (secondee)
Advisor State Development SO1 (secondee)
Advisor Communities AO8 (secondee)
Advisor Queensland Transport AO8 (secondee)
Ministerial Liaison Officer SO1 (secondee)

The Department is working to finalise the establishment and permanent appointments and secondees at the present time to ensure a first draft of the new regional plan is finalised by the end of October 2004.

Given the urgency and the various recruitment processes currently underway, more precise information could be provided in the coming 4-6 months.

(2) The budget will be released as part of the 2004/2005 Budget process on 15 June 2004.