

Question on Notice
No. 1349
Asked on 1 November 2006

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN) -

QUESTION:

For 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date) (reported separately) will he detail (a) the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by the Department of Public Works and Housing in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions and (b) the total amount of wages/salaries paid to the Department of Public Works and Housing staff in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions?

ANSWER:

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is a significantly diverse department that is comprised of different business units and divisions namely:

- Project Services
- QBuild
- SDS
- GoPrint
- QFleet
- CITEC
- Queensland State Archives
- Queensland Purchasing
- Office of Queensland Government Chief Information Officer
- Corporate and Executive Services

The department facilitates, coordinates and manages a diverse range of communication activities that are designed to promote and communicate the Government's key priorities and services. This includes preparing departmental publications such as the Annual Report, budget papers and public information material on matters such as the design, construction, fit out and maintenance of government buildings, whole-of-Government ICT, water conservation and apprentice training throughout Queensland.

The primary public affairs facility in the Department of Public Works is the corporate marketing communication facility in the Corporate Planning and External Relations Unit. This comprises seven officers.

I am advised the number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) employed across all the agencies to perform communication type functions and the total amount of wages/salaries paid for the years 2001-02 to the present are as follows:

	FTEs²	Cost
2001-02¹	24	1,118,570.53
2002-03¹	27	1,499,014.11
2003-04¹	30	1,590,722.78
2004-05¹	28	1,651,519.45
2005-06¹	29	1,660,300.60
2006-07 YTD¹	15	498,741.20

1. With respect to the financial years 2001-02 through to 2005-06, the Department of Public Works has identified that many of the officers included in the figures shown perform duties which are primarily concerned with business development and sales rather than public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations. The department is in the process of reviewing the titles of these positions to ensure they reflect their actual activity. The staff figures for 2006-07 reflect this review process.
2. Full time and part time staff are reported as Full Time Equivalents which is consistent with Ministerial Portfolio Statements.

Department of Housing

The primary focus of roles in the Marketing and Communications area is to ensure Department of Housing clients have access to consistent information about the department's products and services.

The Department of Housing facilitates, coordinates and manages a diverse range of communication activities that are designed to promote and communicate the Government's key priorities and the department's broad range of services to the public. This includes preparing departmental publications such as the Annual Report and the 'Welcome to Your Home' kit for new public housing tenants, and public information material on matters such as housing assistance (for example through a bond loan or rental grant) and accessible housing through the Home Access and Smart Housing programs.

I am advised the number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) employed to perform these functions and the total amount of wages/salaries paid for the years 2001-02 to the present are as follows:

	FTEs#	Cost
2001-02	11.00	\$755,945
2002-03	14.70	\$912,728
2003-04	15.70	\$1,169,997
2004-05	17.22	\$1,274,908
2005-06	18.52	\$1,453,784
2006-07	18.49*	\$451,321*

* 2006-07 actuals as at the end of October 2006.

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