

**Question on Notice
No. 1356
Asked on 1 November 2006**

MR NICHOLLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING, WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN (MRS KEECH) —

For 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year to date) (reported separately) will she detail:

- (a) the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by the Department of Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development 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 Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development staff in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions?

ANSWER:

My Department facilitates, coordinates and manages a diverse range of communication activities that are designed to promote and communicate the Government's key priorities and initiatives and encourage broad community participation, in particular protecting consumers and educating them about their rights and responsibilities in the marketplace. This work includes preparing Departmental publications such as the annual report and a range of Good Business Guides for both consumers and traders. Additionally, significant consumer education work is undertaken by my Department to ensure consumers are aware of, and protected from, those unscrupulous traders that do exist. My Department also prepares information material for industry, such as motor dealers and real estate agents, and for both consumers and industry on body corporate management and liquor licensing issues.

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	9.5	\$503,687
2002-03	12	\$645,264
2003-04	16	\$875,546
2004-05	13.6	\$811,216
2005-06	14.6	\$893,904
2006-07	*9.6	*\$217,607

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

Full time and part time staff are reported as Full Time Equivalents which is consistent with Ministerial Portfolio Statements.