

**Question on Notice
No. 1359
Asked on 1 November 2006**

MS JANN STUCKEY MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MS BOYLE)-

QUESTION:

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 Child Safety 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 Child Safety 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. This includes preparing departmental publications such as the Annual Report, Annual Performance Report, staff newsletters, and content for the departmental Intranet website, and public information material on matters such as Charter of Rights information for children and young people, adoption register re-opening, improving permanency for children in care, complaints management, foster carer recruitment, and legislative reforms to the *Child Protection Act 1999*.

The Department of Child Safety was established on 20 September 2004, however, completion of the transition of workforce data was not completed until November 2004. As such, the Department of Child safety is unable to provide exact numbers of FTEs for the department prior to December 2004. The number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) (at the last pay period in June of each financial year) employed to perform these functions and the total amount of wages/salaries paid from the establishment of the department to the present are as follows:

Financial Year	FTEs#	Cost
December 2004-05	8	Approx \$406,715.00
2005-06	6.6	\$643,597.24
2006-07	7*	\$213,465.65*

By comparison, in 1997-98 the Borbidge Government had 10.5 FTEs in the marketing area of the former Families, Youth and Community Care Queensland. At this time, Families, Youth and Community Care Queensland incorporated the current Department of Child Safety. The salary cost of these 10.5 FTE's was \$612,720.

Full time and part time staff are reported as FTE which is consistent with Ministerial Portfolio Statements. Also note, the number of FTEs fluctuate, differing each month during the financial year.

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