

## Question on Notice

No. 1387

Asked on Thursday, 2 November 2006

**MR ELMES MP** asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Seniors and Youth (**MR PITT**) -

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 Communities, Disability Services (and other associated entities within his allocated portfolio) 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 Communities, Disability Services (and other associated entities within his allocated portfolio) staff in public affairs/communications/media liaison/graphic design and public relations positions?

### ANSWER:

My portfolio facilitates, coordinates and manages a diverse range of communication activities 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 and strategic plan, and public information material on matters such as responsible parenting, domestic and family violence, and community inclusion of people with a disability.

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:

#### Disability Services Queensland

	FTEs#	Cost
<b>2001-02</b>	8	\$263,000
<b>2002-03</b>	10	\$620,359
<b>2003-04</b>	15.2	\$845,355
<b>2004-05</b>	20.13	\$1,339,500
<b>2005-06</b>	19	\$1,319,965
<b>2006-07</b>	17.6*	\$504,298*

These figures incorporate, from 4 March 2002, FTE and costs associated with Disability Services Queensland providing marketing and communication services to the former Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy.

#### Department of Communities

The Department of Communities was established on 13 February 2004. The number of FTE employed to perform these functions and the total amount of wages/salaries paid for the years 2003-04 to the present are:

	FTEs#	Cost
<b>2003-04 (part financial year)</b>	14.2	\$231,724
<b>2004-05</b>	26.4	\$1,680,871
<b>2005-06</b>	27.6	\$2,187,909
<b>2006-07</b>	26.5*	\$946,537*

\* 2006-07 actuals as at the end September 2006.

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