

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 533**  
**Asked on 20 April 2006**

Mr QUINN asked the Premier (Mr Beattie) -

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the contingency fund within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet—

- (1) For the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 (year to date) will he provide details of all items of expenditure incurred from that fund including the (a) reason for the expenditure (b) total amount (c) date the expenditure was approved and (d) person(s) responsible for the approval of expenditure?
- (2) What was the total amount budgeted for the year 2005-06?
- (3) What is the total balance of the contingency fund at present?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The contingency fund provides the capacity and flexibility for the Premier of the day to respond to emergent needs and events.

As Head of Government, I am approached in that capacity to facilitate a variety of initiatives of economic, social, regional and environmental importance to Queensland.

The nature and type of projects undertaken is highly influenced by the public agenda. Hence, flexibility, together with the ability to rapidly respond and act on new issues as they emerge is imperative.

My ability to respond effectively to emerging issues and opportunities is dependent on immediate access to appropriate levels of resources. Adequate financial resources are therefore essential if these demands are to be met on a timely basis, particularly those which emanate from unforeseen events or those which require expeditious decisions and actions.

The Director-General's Reserve is also available to provide for whole-of-Government contributions to charitable organisations and disaster appeals and to provide assistance to local authorities, deserving causes, community groups and to whole-of-Government initiatives.

The attached table lists expenditure from the contingency fund in the 2004-05 financial year and for the period ending 28 April 2006.

The Premier of the day having access to a contingency fund is not new. By way of comparison, former Premier Borbidge had a funding allocation in his department's contingency reserve totalling \$14.984 million in the 1997-98 financial year.

- (2) Total amount budgeted for 2005-06 was \$14.371 million.
- (3) The uncommitted balance of the fund as at 28 April 2006 is \$4.507 million.

2004-05 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
St John's Cathedral Restoration	400,000.00	10-Oct-96	Governor in Council
Australia and New Zealand School of Government	118,000.00	03-Jun-02	Premier
2004 International Biology Olympiad	15,000.00	15-Oct-02	Premier
Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership	50,000.00	04-Jul-03	Director-General
Rio Tinto Child Health Initiative	25,000.00	10-Jul-03	Premier
Woodford Folk Festival - Infrastructure Development	420,000.00	11-Sep-03	Governor in Council
Crown of Thorns Starfish Mitigation Program	500,000.00	11-Sep-03	Governor in Council
International Congress of Entomology XXII 2004	13,636.36	16-Sep-03	Premier
Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office	99,344.00	23-Dec-03	Director-General
8th World Congress on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics	10,000.00	16-Mar-04	Premier
8th World Leisure Congress	10,000.00	16-Apr-04	Premier
Co-sponsor of 2004 National Conference on Tourism Futures	10,000.00	04-May-04	Premier
Contribution to Long Tan Community Development Project, Vung Tau Province Vietnam	10,000.00	04-May-04	Director-General
Growing the Smart State for 2004-05	100,000.00	25-May-04	Premier
2004 Queensland Sports Awards	7,000.00	03-Jun-04	Premier
2004 Premier's Senior Christmas Concerts 2004	30,000.00	15-Jun-04	Director-General
Forum of Federations - membership fee	5,000.00	17-Jun-04	Director-General
Multicultural Strategy: Brisbane Multicultural Festival	200,000.00	01-Jul-04	Premier
Multicultural Strategy: Multicultural Awareness Project	35,000.00	01-Jul-04	Premier
Multicultural Strategy: Photographic Award systems	125,000.00	01-Jul-04	Premier
Contribution to the Smart Return Fellowship Scheme 2004-05	25,000.00	05-Jul-04	Premier
Queensland Blue Light Association - Silver Corporate Membership	909.09	15-Jul-04	Premier
2004 World Magic Festival	1,590.91	22-Jul-04	Premier
2004 Special Children's Christmas Party - Rockhampton	200.00	22-Jul-04	Premier
2005 Special Children's Christmas Party - Rockhampton	200.00	22-Jul-04	Premier
National Country Music Muster - Gympie	31,363.64	23-Jul-04	Director-General
2004 Special Children's Christmas Party - Brisbane	200.00	23-Jul-04	Premier
2004 Little Poss Appeal	1,000.00	23-Jul-04	Premier
China Central Television Executive Visit to Queensland	4,545.45	04-Aug-04	Premier

2004 Special Children's Christmas Party - Nambour	200.00	06-Aug-04	Premier
2004 Girl in a Million Quest	20,000.00	09-Aug-04	Premier
Transport of "OLGAS" Artwork	250.00	10-Aug-04	Director-General
Queensland Future - Building on the Smart State Strategy	250,000.00	13-Aug-04	Director-General
2004 Surf Life Saving Rescue Appeal	50,000.00	16-Aug-04	Premier
2004 Special Children's Christmas Party - Mackay	200.00	20-Aug-04	Premier
5th Community Cabinet Meeting	5,437.28	23-Aug-04	Director-General
5th Community Cabinet Meeting	525.45	23-Aug-04	Director-General
Christian Television Australia	13,636.36	27-Aug-04	Premier
2005 World Expo, Japan-Qld Govt Project Plan - Staging of an Australian Pavilion at the Expo	350,000.00	27-Aug-04	Premier
Mary Poppins Commemorative Statue - Maryborough	5,000.00	08-Sep-04	Premier
St Patrick's Day Parade	25,000.00	22-Sep-04	Premier
2004 Poppy Appeal Donation	25,000.00	22-Sep-04	Premier
2004 Bush Tucker Week in France	4,363.64	30-Sep-04	Premier
St Mary's Catholic Precinct Conservation Appeal	50,000.00	05-Oct-04	Premier
2004 Olympic "Thank You" Tour	15,000.00	07-Oct-04	Premier
2004 12th Annual Christmas Childrens Film Festival - RSL Ipswich	1,590.91	14-Oct-04	Premier
The Smith Family - annual Christmas Donation	25,000.00	14-Oct-04	Premier
The Brisbane Institute	50,000.00	18-Oct-04	Premier
Children's Circus Spectacular - SIDS and Kids Queensland	500.00	20-Oct-04	Premier
Childrens Christmas Circus Spectacular - Mater Children's Hospital	2,045.45	20-Oct-04	Premier
Rosies Tapestry Fund	10,000.00	22-Oct-04	Premier
2005 QUT Smart Train Project	50,000.00	22-Oct-04	Premier
Memorial Bell in Chinatown	15,000.00	25-Oct-04	Premier
Drover's Construction Project - Memorial Shed in Camooweal	72,049.10	03-Nov-04	Director-General
International Riverfoundation	75,000.00	04-Nov-04	Premier
150th Celebrations Planning Advisory Committee	93,482.00	11-Nov-04	Director-General
AusBiotech CEO Forum 2005	60,000.00	01-Dec-04	Premier
Brisbane Combined Unions Choir	12,000.00	01-Dec-04	Premier
Strategic Review of the Office of the Governor	36,364.15	07-Dec-04	Director-General
The Salvation Army - annual Christmas donation	25,000.00	07-Dec-04	Premier
Society of St Vincent De Paul - annual Christmas donatijon	25,000.00	07-Dec-04	Premier
Lifeline Brisbane - Annual Christmas Donation	25,000.00	07-Dec-04	Premier

Paniyiri (Greek) 2005 Festival	30,000.00	16-Dec-04	Premier
Multicultural Queensland Policy Review - 2004-05-Making a World of Difference	54,000.00	16-Dec-04	Director-General
2004 Christmas Donation - Unicef	3,500.00	17-Dec-04	Director-General
Asian Tsunami Relief Support - Australian Red Cross	375,000.00	04-Jan-05	Governor in Council
Asian Tsunami Relief Support - Care Australia	375,000.00	04-Jan-05	Governor in Council
Asian Tsunami Relief Support - Unicef	375,000.00	04-Jan-05	Governor in Council
Asian Tsunami Relief Support - World Vision Australia	375,000.00	04-Jan-05	Governor in Council
Governor's Attendance at Australia Week in Los Angeles	47,910.61	10-Jan-05	Premier
Australian Week in Los Angeles	100,000.00	10-Jan-05	Premier
Sponsorship for the Richard Florida Event	13,000.00	24-Jan-05	Premier
BOLA-Building and Other Legislation Amendment 2002-Stage Two	45,454.54	27-Jan-05	Director-General
Reunion & Celebrations 467-463 Squadrons Qld 2005	12,305.00	17-Feb-05	Premier
Children's Circus Extravaganza-Lions Club Macgregor 2005	1,636.36	17-Feb-05	Premier
Queensland History Teachers - National History Challenge	650.00	21-Feb-05	Premier
Support the Royal Humane Society Australasia 2004-05 activities	4,000.00	07-Mar-05	Premier
Children's Movie Extravaganza-6th Annual celebration-Childhood Concert Support 2005	1,280.00	07-Mar-05	Premier
2nd International Conference on Health Ageing	15,000.00	09-Mar-05	Premier
2005 Bow Tie Day	21,909.09	11-Mar-05	Premier
Queensland Police Citizen's Youth Club	4,545.45	14-Mar-05	Premier
Reconciliation Awards for Business	15,000.00	15-Mar-05	Premier
Leukaemia Foundation 30th Anniversary funding	25,000.00	16-Mar-05	Premier
ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee	8,629.33	24-Mar-05	Premier
Smart State Strategy - Advertising Campaign	1,029,560.61	29-Mar-05	Premier
World Trade Organisation Moot Competition	5,000.00	30-Mar-05	Premier
2005 Special Children's Christmas Party - Nambour	200.00	04-Apr-05	Premier
World Braford Congress 2006	30,000.00	06-Apr-05	Premier
100 Yrs Rotary Int'l concert Celebration-Rockhampton	5,000.00	08-Apr-05	Premier
Ozwater Convention-2005	25,000.00	27-Apr-05	Premier
Rotary Club of Toowong-2005 Under Privileged Childrens Spectacular	1,840.91	28-Apr-05	Premier
Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport-Kokoda Memorial Stage 2	15,000.00	28-Apr-05	Premier
Children's Movie Spectacular 2005	909.09	29-Apr-05	Premier
Queensland Museum - ATSIC Centre Media Launch	8,000.00	13-May-05	Premier

APSAG-Aus Pacific Scholar Athlete Games 2006	182,797.12	18-May-05	Director-General
2005 Surf Life Saving Rescue Appeal	50,000.00	18-May-05	Premier
2005 Special Children's Christmas Party - Brisbane	200.00	23-May-05	Premier
Epilepsy Queensland, Inc	45,000.00	07-Jun-05	Director-General
National Youth Science Forum	5,500.00	08-Jun-05	Premier
2005 World Magic Festival	1,590.91	08-Jun-05	Premier
2005 Girl in a Million Quest	20,000.00	08-Jun-05	Premier
Vector Command Simulator - Counter Disaster	22,000.00	09-Jun-05	Director-General
Australia and New Zealand School of Government	180,000.00	09-Jun-05	Premier
Forster Review of Queensland Health	1,256,000.00	10-Jun-05	Director-General
3rd Annual Underprivileged Childrens Circus Extravaganza	2,454.54	20-Jun-05	Premier
Croc Convoy 2005	35,700.00	28-Jun-05	Premier
East Timor Eye Program	20,000.00	29-Jun-05	Premier
Brisbane Marketing Campaign	500,000.00	30-Jun-05	Governor in Council
2005 Little Poss Appeal - Epilepsy Queensland Inc	1,000.00	30-Jun-05	Premier
Queens Baton Relay Coordination	7,010.00	18-Jul-05	Premier
World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium's International Education Collaboration Forum	4,000.00	26-Jul-05	Premier
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2004-05 \$ 8,998,217.35</b>			

<b>2005-06</b>	<b>Amount</b>		
<b>Reason</b>	<b>(GST Exclusive)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Approved By</b>
Rio Tinto Child Health Initiative	25,000.00	27-Jun-2003	Premier
NATSEM ARC Project	50,000.00	Jul-2003	Premier
Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership	50,000.00	4-Jul-2003	Director-General
International Riverfoundation	75,000.00	19-Feb-2004	Premier
Crown of Thorns Starfish Mitigation Program	250,000.00	18-Mar-2004	Governor-in-Council
Smart Return Fellowship Scheme	50,000.00	5-Jul-2004	Premier
Brisbane Institute	50,000.00	15-Oct-2004	Premier
Multicultural Queensland Policy Review	162,000.00	27-Jan-2005	Director-General
2005 Reconciliation Awards for Business	75,000.00	15-Mar-2005	Premier
Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers	60,000.00	21-Mar-2005	Premier
Smart State Strategy	82,061.20	29-Mar-2005	Premier
2006 Australian Davos Connection Future Summit	100,000.00	4-Apr-2005	Premier
Lions Club of Australia - 54th National Convention	25,000.00	5-May-2005	Premier
Far North Qld Plane Crash - assistance to victims relatives	662.05	10-May-2005	Premier
Australian Festival of Chamber Music	10,000.00	12-May-2005	Premier
Premier's Drama Awards	165,000.00	3-Jun-2005	Premier
Australian Computer Society Excellence Awards	4,545.45	3-Jun-05	Premier
Oceans and the World's Future -16th Convocation	50,000.00	3-Jun-05	Premier
ANSOG Executive Fellows Program	5,454.55	7-Jun-2005	Premier
Qld Tourism Industry Council Training Train	165,000.00	12-Jun-2005	Premier
Building and Other Legislation Amendment Act	30,000.00	22-Jun-2005	Director-General
Aviation and Aerospace Careers Day	2,000.00	8-Jul-2005	Premier
2005 Special Children's Christmas Party - Mackay	200.00	11-Jul-2005	Premier
2005 Queensland Blue Light Association membership	909.09	18-Jul-2005	Premier
Queens Baton Relay	77,490.00	18-Jul-2005	Premier
Wartburg Bush Festival	2,000.00	22-Jul-2005	Premier
National Country Music Muster	130,000.00	25-Jul-2005	Premier
Acrobatic Fanatics - attend American National Cheerleading Titles	5,000.00	1-Aug-2005	Premier
Macarthur Museum	100,000.00	3-Aug-2005	Premier
Senior's Taskforce	65,000.00	4-Aug-2005	Premier
Queensland Art Gallery	35,000.00	4-Aug-2005	Director-General

2006 Friendship Day	2,000.00	5-Aug-2005	Premier
International Conference on Engaging Communities	1,331.00	10-Aug-2005	Director-General
Combined Unions Choir Project	45,454.54	11-Aug-2005	Premier
Island of Cinema Festival	4,901.96	12-Aug-2005	Director-General
Queensland Institute of Medical Research WANTZ Committee	20,000.00	12-Aug-2005	Premier
Kumbari Ave State School - Hydrotherapy Pool Fittings	20,000.00	12-Aug-2005	Premier
2006 Queensland Sports Awards	7,000.00	18-Aug-2005	Premier
International Marine Protected Area Congress	17,500.00	22-Aug-2005	Director-General
2006 Paniyiri Festival	30,000.00	22-Aug-2005	Director-General
City Botanical Gardens 150th Anniversary Celebrations	87,500.00	26-Aug-2005	Premier
Bundaberg Multicultural Festival	5,000.00	26-Aug-2005	Director-General
Townsville V8 Supercar Street Race	11,600.00	30-Aug-05	Premier
National Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal	50,000.00	30-Aug-2005	Premier
Premier's address to Public Sector regarding Machinery of Government transfer	3,202.27	2-Sep-2005	Director-General
Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue	50,000.00	6-Sep-2005	Premier
Police Citizens Youth Club 'Cape Indigenous Program'	68,181.82	12-Sep-2005	Director-General
2005 Mater Foundation Children's Christmas Circus Extravaganza	2,250.00	13-Sep-2005	Premier
2005 Asia Pacific Cities Summit	125,000.00	14-Sep-2005	Premier
2005 Premier's Senior Christmas Concerts - Mackay and Ipswich	30,000.00	14-Sep-2005	Premier
Amy Gillett Safe Foundation Donation	50,000.00	22-Sep-2005	Premier
2005 Children's Christmas Magic Extravaganza - Childhood Cancer	1,280.00	23-Sep-2005	Premier
Christian Television Association	15,000.00	23-Sep-2005	Premier
2005 Returned Services League Poppy Appeal	25,000.00	26-Sep-2005	Premier
Epilepsy Queensland	13,636.36	28-Sep-2005	Premier
National Counter Terrorism Committee	40,000.00	11-Oct-2005	Director-General
Health Recruitment, health reforms, mini-budget communication	1,584,000.00	12-Oct-2005	CBRC Decision No 1525
Queensland Library Foundation - community service announcements	20,000.00	25-Oct-2005	Premier
National Business Leaders Forum	50,000.00	28-Oct-2005	Premier
2005 Children's Circus Spectacular - SIDS and Kids	500.00	28-Oct-2005	Premier
2005 Christmas Donation - Smith Family	25,000.00	2-Nov-2005	Premier
Clinical Oncology Society of Australia Indigenous Health Session	20,036.88	8-Nov-2005	Premier
St Paul's Cathedral Restoration	10,000.00	11-Nov-2005	Premier
2005 Annual Rotary Childrens Christmas Film Fest	2,045.45	24-Nov-2005	Premier

2005 Christmas Donation - St Vincent De Paul	25,000.00	30-Nov-2005	Premier
2005 Christmas Donation - Salvation Army	25,000.00	30-Nov-2005	Premier
2005 Christmas Donation - Lifeline	25,000.00	30-Nov-2005	Premier
Dance North - Tranzplatform	25,000.00	2-Dec-2005	Premier
The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc Donation	4,000.00	12-Dec-2005	Premier
ATSIC Centre Media Launch	2,500.00	13-Dec-2005	Premier
@ Work and Play, Queensland on Show	14,000.00	13-Dec-2005	Premier
2005 Christmas Donation - UNICEF	3,500.00	20-Dec-2005	Director-General
2006 St Patrick's Day Parade	20,000.00	21-Dec-2005	Director-General
2006 Reconciliation Awards for Business	45,000.00	6-Jan-2006	Director-General
Review of Queensland's Signature Arts and Cultural Festivals	30,000.00	12-Jan-2006	Premier
Commonwealth Games Welcome Home Parade	10,000.00	20-Jan-2006	Director-General
2006 Croc Festival	39,214.54	2-Feb-2006	Premier
Support to Queensland's 2006 Commonwealth Games team	400,000.00	3-Feb-2006	Premier
2006 Queensland Blue Light Association Inc membership	909.09	7-Feb-2006	Premier
2005 Children's Circus Extravaganza - Lions Club	1,636.36	7-Feb-2006	Premier
St Andrews Church Restoration	20,000.00	16-Feb-2006	Premier
2006 Croc Festival Additional Supplementation	18,634.54	28-Feb-2006	Premier
2008 Queensland Olympic Team	110,000.00	1-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Childhood Cancer Children's Movie Extravaganza	1,280.00	1-Mar-2006	Premier
St Joseph's Cathedral Restoration	100,000.00	1-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Buddha's Birth Day Festival	25,000.00	2-Mar-2006	Premier
Police Citizens Youth Club 'Youth at Risk'	4,545.45	6-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Muscular Dystrophy Bow Tie Day	21,909.09	7-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Victory in Europe Anniversary Commemoration	500.00	8-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Red Cross Calling Appeal	25,000.00	15-Mar-2006	Premier
Cyclone Larry Appeal Fund	1,100,000.00	23-Mar-2006	Premier
2006 Feast of the Three Saints	25,000.00	31-Mar-2006	Premier
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE 2005-06 \$ 6,462,371.69</b>			