

Question on Notice

No. 616

Asked on 21 April 2006

Mr Rickuss asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford)

Question:

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding expended at the discretion of the Minister or Chief Executive Officer for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately)–

- (1) Will he provide details of all items of expenditure for such fund/s including (a) the reason for expenditure, (b) total amount of expenditure on each occasion, (c) the date that each item of expenditure was approved and (d) the person/s responsible for approval of the expenditure?
- (2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?

Answer:

(1) There is no reserve, contingency or emergency fund established for the Minister for Education and the Arts. Details of all items of expenditure from the Director-General's emerging priorities fund:

2003-04

Item of expenditure	(a) Reason for expenditure	(b) Total amount of expenditure on each item	(c) Date of approval of expenditure of each item	(d) Person/s responsible for approval of expenditure
Printing	Letter to teachers payslips re World Teachers' Day	\$1,629	23/05/2003	Director, Office of the Director-General
Sagacity Consulting	Review of Curriculum Directorate	\$16,115	31/10/03	Director, Office of the Director-General
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Technical advice to Board of Governance meeting – 28/11/02	\$450	08/07/03	Director, Office of the Director-General
Sponsorship	Support of the Brisbane Institute	\$7,500	09/02/04	Director, Office of the Director-General
Sponsorship	International			Director,

	Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect	\$5,000	26/02/04	Office of the Director-General
Contractor Fees	Facilitation of Strategic Planning process	\$8,656	22/03/04	Director, Office of the Director-General
Crown Law	Legal Advice – various matters	\$4,547	14/08/03	Director, Office of the Director-General
Funding support for Quinkan	Support for Regional Cultural Centre project at Laura	\$10,000	26/05/2004	Director, Office of the Director-General

2004-05

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Legal Fees – appeal to the Magistrates Court	Representation of Agency	\$10,768	21/09/04	Director, Office of the Director-General
Review of Associate Administrators classification	Independent technical assessment and benchmarking	\$30,013	23/09/04	Director, Office of the Director-General
Plaque for Roma School	Supporting school in centenary celebration	\$455	22/12/04	Director, Office of the Director-General
Venue Hire	State hosted South Pacific Conference of the Institute of	\$3,000	22/12/04	Director, Office of the

	Internal Auditors			Director-General
Funding temporary position	6 month position to progress implementation of Home Schooling reforms	\$47,406	22/02/05	Director, Office of the Director-General
Opera Queensland	Support 'Song Bird' touring program in Qld schools	\$57,000	26/04/05	Director-General

2005-06 (Year to date)

Item of expenditure	(a) Reason for expenditure	(b) Total amount of expenditure on each item	(c) Date of approval of expenditure of each item	(d) Person/s responsible for approval of expenditure
ATSI Culture Centre Launch at Queensland Museum	Support launch of ATSI Culture Centre	\$4,000	19/08/05	Director, Office of the Director-General
Ideas Festival	Contribution to the Brisbane Ideas Festival	\$50,000	04/11/05	Director, Office of the Director-General
Gifted and Talented Association State Conference	Sponsorship of State Conference	\$2,000	18/11/05	Director, Office of the Director-General
Outback to the Ocean Legends Cricket Tour	Sponsorship to support access of cricket role	\$5,000	27/02/06	Director, Office of the Director-

	models to regional Qld			General
Geography Olympiad	Sponsorship to promote the study of geography to Qld students	\$10,000	07/09/05	Director, Office of the Director-General
Opera Queensland	Support 'Song Bird' touring program in Qld schools	\$63,800	08/05/06	Director-General
Senior Officers Business Improvement Network	Department's contribution to government business improvement network	\$22,000	22/03/06	Director, Office of the Director-General

(2) The uncommitted balance of any reserve, contingency or emergency fund as at 21 April 2006 is \$827,000.