

Question on Notice

No. 632

Asked on 21 April 2006

MR QUINN asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

- (1) Will she detail all announced salary increases given to Queensland public servants since the last State Budget broken down by (a) Government Department/Agency, (b) date of announcement, (c) total amount of salary increase, (d) length of agreement and (e) percentage increase per year?
- (2) What was budgeted for in the 2005-06 Budget and forward estimates (reported in dollars and percentage wise)?
- (3) How much was not budgeted for (reported in dollars and percentage wise)?
- (4) What is the total cost of all public service salary increases (for this financial year and forward estimates)?

ANSWER:

- (1) Announcements relating to salary increases for Queensland Public Servants since the last State Budget are publicly available and can be sourced through press releases and Ministerial Statements made to Parliament.
- (2) A provision was made in the 2005-06 Budget and forward estimates at the whole-of-Government level for a 4% increase based on total employee expenses.

Employee expenses in the 2005-06 Budget of \$12.347 billion in 2006-07 rising to \$13.730 billion in 2008-09 included provisions for Enterprise Bargaining and additional staff for service delivery.

- (3) Any increases above funding outlined in question (2) have been funded through improvements elsewhere in the State's fiscal position. Details of this will be provided in the 2006-07 Budget, to be delivered to Parliament on Tuesday 6 June 2006.
- (4) The total cost of all public service salary increases known or sufficiently advanced at the time of the 2006-07 Budget will form part of that Budget and will be released on 6 June 2006.