

Question on Notice

No. 947

Asked on 26 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

How much revenue has Queensland foregone through National Competition Policy payments being withheld by the Commonwealth Government during 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date (reported separately) and in which portfolio areas did this occur?

ANSWER:

Details are provided in the attached table.

<u>National Competition Payments made to Queensland (\$ million)</u>		
	2004/2005 (\$ million)	2005/2006 (\$ million) (estimates)
Maximum level of payment available	150.74	156.49
Plus reimbursements	29.20 <i>made up of:</i> 14.60: introducing contestability for tranche 4A electricity consumers. 14.60: substantial progress in addressing uncompleted legislation review and reform pool.	30.15 <i>made up of:</i> 7.57: extending retail contestability to Tranche two and three commercial and industrial gas customers. 22.58: compliance with obligations relating to FRC for electricity consumers.
less permanent deductions	7.54 (5% of maximum payment) - failure to remove restrictions on the ownership and number of takeaway liquor shops.	7.82 (5% of maximum payment) - continued non compliance in regard to removing restrictions on the ownership and number of takeaway liquor shops.
less suspensions	30.15 <i>made up of:</i> 7.57: (5% of maximum payment)- pending extending contestability to Tranche two and three industrial gas customers. 22.58: (15% of maximum payment)- pending the completion of electricity full retail contestability (FRC) review and implementation of its findings.	nil
Plus Balancing adjustments *	.95	
Final Payment **	<u>143.21</u>	<u>178.81</u>

*Commonwealth Government adjustment for CPI and State population share.

** Components listed may not add to final payment due to rounding.