

**Question on Notice
No. 1023
Asked on Tuesday 7 August 2007**

MR McARDLE asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (MR FRASER) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the increase of 17 full-time staff which he states was primarily due to the establishment of the Local Government Reform Project Team, will he outline (a) how this team was selected, what employment process they went through and the total number that were employed from external sources and internal sources (reported separately); (b) of the team that were employed from external sources, where were they employed from: and (c) of the team that were employed from internal sources, which units were they moved from?

ANSWER:

The Local Government Reform Taskforce was established to lead the local government reform process across the State and is responsible for supporting the State Transition Committee and its sub-committees, preparing necessary legislation, communications and operational management of the local government reform process.

All members of the Taskforce were appointed according to the Departmental selection and employment process. Taskforce team members were seconded or temporarily appointed from within State Government agencies and the private sector.

Two team members of the Taskforce were employed from external sources. These team members were employed from the Queensland University of Technology and from private enterprise.

The remaining team members were directly seconded from within the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation divisions of Local Government Collaboration, Strategic Policy and Legislation and Corporate and Executive Services.

These team members were selected and employed for their extensive experience in local government legislation and policy, human resources and industrial relations, local government financial reporting, communication and community engagement, leadership and solid administrative support. There is no impact on other Departmental programs as a result of these appointments.