QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1910

asked on Wednesday, 14 November 2007

MR JOHNSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to staffing in his department—

Will the Minister outline the total number of staff (a) currently employed in each office (reported separately) and (b) employed in each office (reported separately) for the last five financial years (each year reported separately)?

ANSWER:

(a) In line with the procedure adopted in the department's annual report, the below table lists the total number of staff (headcount) currently employed in each region.

REGION	NOVEMBER 2007
North	341
Central West	321
South West	336
South East*	2323
TOTAL	**3321**

(b) The below table lists the total number of staff (headcount) employed in each region for the last five financial years. It is important to note that several significant Machinery of Government changes have occurred in recent years, impacting on staff numbers across all regions. For example, MOG changes in relation to Energy (2003/04; 2004/05), Native Forest Management & Quarrying (2005/06), Mining and Petroleum (2006/07) and Biosecurity Queensland (2006/07).

REGION	Jun-03	Jun-04	Jun-05	Jun-06	Jun-07
North	393	376	388	447	359
Central West	369	344	349	372	311
South West	304	295	315	397	339
South East*	2274	2316	2252	2465	2247
TOTAL	**3340**	**3331**	**3304**	**3681**	**3256**

* South East Region figures include the number of staff employed in the Brisbane Offices.