

Question on Notice
No. 348
Asked on 8 March 2007

MR SEENEY asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE) -

QUESTION:

What is the breakdown of hospitality and entertainment received for chief executive officers and senior executive service officers for his department/s in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year to date), detailing (a) names of the officers receiving the hospitality and entertainment, (b) type of the hospitality and entertainment received for each officer, (c) provider of the hospitality and entertainment for each officer, (d) total value of the hospitality or entertainment including travel and accommodation if relevant, (e) purpose of the hospitality or entertainment and (f) benefit to the Queensland taxpayer?

ANSWER:

In August 2003, I approved a new Gifts and Benefits Policy covering all state public servants. The release of this new policy demonstrates my government's commitment to transparency and accountability and expectations a high standard of ethical behaviour by public service employees.

At my Office's request, the Office of the Public Service Commissioner has checked that this policy has been fully implemented. The advice, following this check, is that all government departments have fully implemented the policy and maintain a gifts and benefits register as well as regularly reviewing practices to ensure compliance with this policy. Staff training and awareness programs have also been conducted so that employees understand their obligations and responsibilities in the offers of gift or benefits while performing their official duties.

I am advised there were no reportable gifts over \$250 received by the chief executive officer or senior executive service officers of the Department Premier and Cabinet during 2005/06.

For the 2006/07 financial year to date please refer to the attached table.

Date hospitality/entertainment received	Received From	Recipient of hospitality/entertainment received	Recipient's Position Title	Item Description	Value (AUD)	Reason for accepting hospitality/entertainment
29/07/2006	BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance	Ross Rolfe	Director-General	Sports Event	\$550	Provides for the development of relationships with Queensland Government Stakeholders.
30/08/2006	Board of Major Brisbane Festivals	Filly Morgan	A/Executive Director, Cyclone Larry Coordination Unit	Two tickets to Riverfest	\$440	Provides for the development of relationships with Queensland Government Stakeholders.
13/12/2006	MSFA	Ross Rolfe	Director-General	Two tickets to Performance	\$300	Provides for the development of relationships with Queensland Government Stakeholders.