

**Question on Notice
No. 350
Asked on 8 March 2007**

Mr COPELAND asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

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, the Premier approved a new Gifts and Benefits Policy covering all state public servants. The release of this new policy demonstrated the government's commitment to transparency and accountability and expectations a high standard of ethical behaviour by public service employees. The policy for state public servants covers gifts and benefits, including hospitality, to be given or received by public service employees - regardless of their value. It reinforces that it is not appropriate for public service employees to be offered or to give gifts and benefits that may be likely to influence them in the performance of their official duties. The policy makes it clear to public servants how to make decisions about accepting offers.

The Office of the Public Service Commissioner has checked that this policy has been fully implemented and advised 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.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Education Queensland						
06-07	Education Queensland (various officers)	10 x 2007 season (home game) tickets @ \$300	Broncos RLFC	\$3000	To recognise the contribution of Education Qld to sports in school, particularly rugby league.	Continued sports opportunities for state school students
05-06	Education Queensland (various officers)	10 x 2006 season (home game) tickets @ \$200	Broncos RLFC	\$2000	To recognise the contribution of Education Qld to sports in school, particularly rugby league.	Continued sports opportunities for state school students
05-06	Ken Rogers	1 ticket to Alan Border Medal	Cricket Australia	\$475	To recognise the contribution of Education Qld to sport in schools, particularly cricket.	Continued sports opportunities for state school students
Training Queensland						
06/07	Kay Giles	2 x tickets to Rugby match	Accenture	\$500	Extend significant business partnership for TAFE Qld	Maximise return on ICT investment for Government
06/07	Kay Giles	2 x tickets to Rugby match	Unisys	\$900	Extend significant business partnership for TAFE Qld	Maximise return on ICT investment for Government
06/07	Chris Robinson	Ticket to the Rugby Union+ dinner	Unisys	\$300	Further relations between the Department and Unisys	Ensure return on investment with significant business partner
06/07	Kay Giles	2 x tickets to Cirque Varekai & Tapis Rouge	Optus	\$500	Relationship building with industry partner	Network and develop linkage between Government and industry