

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 351

asked on Thursday, 8 March 2007

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**MR CRIPPS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—

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 entertainment 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:

The Government has a Benefits Policy that covers all state public servants. This policy ensures transparency and accountability and that public service employees meet the Government's high standards of ethical behaviour.

The policy for state public servants covers gifts and benefits, including hospitality that is given to or received by public service employees - regardless of their value.

The policy reinforces that it is inappropriate 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 Department of Mines and Energy has fully implemented this policy and maintains a gifts register.

The department's policy distinguishes between nominal (fair value less than \$50.00), significant (fair value between \$50.00 and \$250.00 inclusive), reportable (single or aggregate fair value in excess of \$250.00) and intangible gifts (one which has no lasting value, for example hospitality). Details of all gifts and hospitality received, regardless of value, are recorded in the Department's gift register.

On the basis of material value, the attached table provides details of gifts of hospitality and entertainment received by employees of this agency over the reportable threshold of \$250.00.

(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	(f) Benefit to Queensland Taxpayers
<b>2005-06</b>					
<b>NIL</b>					
<b>2006-07</b>					
Alan Millis	Football match and lunch	Ergon Energy	\$150.00	Liaise with senior Ergon Energy	Develop stronger networks with industry participants.
Alan Millis	Theatre event - Brisbane Entertainment Centre	Ergon Energy	\$500.00 (\$250.00 x 2)	Networking opportunity	Develop stronger networks with industry participants.
Patrick Bell	Australia Day Lunch	Ergon Energy	\$120.00	Networking opportunity	Develop stronger networks with industry participants.
Patrick Bell	Dinner for Departmental Officer and partner	Ergon Energy	\$240.00	Networking opportunity	Develop stronger networks with industry participants.