

Question on Notice

No. 362

Asked on Thursday, 8 March 2007

MR LINGARD MP asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (**MR PITT**) -

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

Both the Department of Communities and Disability Services Queensland conform with this policy which requires the implementation and maintenance of a gifts and benefits register and a regular review of practices to ensure compliance.

A recent review by the Office of the Public Service Commissioner has confirmed that this portfolio has fully implemented the Gifts and Benefits Policy, including the incorporation of policy requirements in appropriate training courses.

There have been no reportable gifts of hospitality or entertainment above the threshold of \$250 received by the chief executive officer or senior executive service officers of the Department of Communities or Disability Services Queensland during 2005-06 or in the year to date 2006-07.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ANSWER REPLACES THE PREVIOUS
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE NO. 362 TABLED ON 10
APRIL 2007.