

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 366**  
**Asked on 8 March 2007**

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

**QUESTION:**

What is the breakdown of hospitality and entertainment received for chief executive officers and senior executive service officers for her 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 a high standard of ethical behaviour by public service employees

At the same time, the Premier took the opportunity to set up a similar policy for Ministers and Ministerial staff.

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.

At the Premier's 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.

Attachment A & B provides a list of hospitality and entertainment received for the Commissioner and senior executive service officers in the Queensland Police Service in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to date) over the threshold of \$250.

There was no hospitality and entertainment received for the Director-General and senior executive service officers in Queensland Corrective Services in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to date) over the threshold of \$250.

**Hospitality & Entertainment Received By QPS SES Officers 2005-06****Attachment A**

<b>Name of Recipient</b>	<b>Type of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Provider of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Purpose of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Benefit to Qld Taxpayer</b>
Assistant Commissioner David Melville	2 x tickets Indy Gala Ball 2005 held at Jupiters Casino	Lexmark Indy 300 Management Committee	\$500	Foster community relationships	Foster community relationships
Assistant Commissioner David Melville	2 x Membership to Gold Coast Turf Club 2005/2006 Season	Executive Gold Coast Turf Club	\$396	Foster community relationships	Foster community relationships
Mr Ray Brown	MS Executive Briefing in Seattle and Fujitsu Forum and VIP Programme	Microsoft & Fujitsu	\$11,860	Networking opportunity with industry suppliers	Improve overall quality of police service delivery in prevention of crime; and improve safety and security of Queenslanders

**Hospitality & Entertainment Received By QPS SES Officers 2006-07 (YTD)****Attachment B**

<b>Name of Recipient</b>	<b>Type Of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Provider of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Purpose of Hospitality / Entertainment</b>	<b>Benefit to Qld Taxpayer</b>
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