

**Question on Notice
No. 367
Asked on 8 March 2007**

MR NICHOLLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING, WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN (MRS KEECH)—

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 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 provides a list of hospitality and entertainment received by the Director-General and senior executive service officers of my Department in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to 15 March 2007) falling within definition of a significant or reportable gift or benefit as prescribed for in the policy.

Attachment A

Hospitality and Entertainment Received for Chief Executive and Senior Executive Officers in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to 15 March 2007)

| <i>Financial Year</i> | <i>Recipient</i> | <i>Type of Hospitality</i> | <i>Provider</i> | <i>Total Value</i> | <i>Purpose</i> | <i>Benefit to Qld Tax Payer</i> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2006-07 | George O'Farrell | Conrad Treasury | 1 Ticket to Conrad Treasury Riverfeast, Victoria Bridge, 6 September 2006 | \$150.00 | Attend the Riverfeast event as part of the Riverfestival. | Qld Government support of River festival which is an initiative of the Brisbane City Council and the State Government in partnership with Channel 9. |
| 2006-07 | George O'Farrell and Chris Watters | Dinner | Tourism Queensland | \$70.00 each | Attendance at Queensland Export Awards | Supporting Queensland exporters |
| 2006-07 | George O'Farrell | Dinner | Tourism Queensland | \$70.00 | Attendance at Queensland Tourism Awards | Supporting Queensland tourism operators |
| 2006-07 | George O'Farrell | Dinner | Australian and New Zealand School of Government | \$60.00 | Guest of Professor Weller to meet Professor Paul 't Hart | Building stronger relationships between government and academia |
| 2006-07 | George O'Farrell and Chris Watters | Dinner | Queensland Hotels Association | \$70.00 each | Attend 2006 Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence – Gold Coast Convention Centre | Building stronger relationships with liquor industry stakeholders |
| 2006-07 | Julie Kinross | Lunch | Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) | \$60.00 | Lunchtime meeting with senior executives from ASIC and ACCC. | Promoting fair trading activities in Queensland. |
| 2006-07 | Julie Kinross | Conference Dinner | Insolvency & Trustee Service Australia | \$60.00 | Julie Kinross presented a paper on Positive Credit Reporting at the Insolvency & Trustee Service Australia Conference. | Supporting Queensland business and promoting fair trading. |
| 2006-07 | Julie Kinross | 2 tickets to Wallabies vs Sprinboks rugby match at Suncorp Stadium and dinner | AAMI | \$160.00 | Attend rugby match at the request of a significant fair trading stakeholder | Industry liaison opportunity |
| 2006-07 | Chris Watters and Laurie Longland | Lunch | Queensland Hotels Association | \$70.00 each | Farewell lunch to retiring Government Affairs Liaison Officer Mr Roger Barratt – Lure Restaurant | Building stronger relationships with liquor industry stakeholders. |

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| 2006-07 | Chris Watters and Laurie Longland | Cocktail function | Queensland Hotels Association | \$40.00 each | Presidents platinum reception to thank QHA sponsors at the Fox Hotel | Liaison opportunity with government, industry and community leaders in attendance at this function. |
| 2006-07 | Helen Ringrose | Dinner | Hilton Hotel Brisbane | \$295.00 | Hilton Hotel held a special dinner i.e. Hilton Brisbane Ultimate Master Class dinner showcasing winemakers. | Supporting the wine industry in Queensland. |
| 2005-06 | Chris Watters | 1 ticket to Conrad Treasury Brisbane Cup 2006 | Conrad Treasury | \$50.00 | Conrad Treasury Brisbane Cup 2006 | Building stronger relationships with liquor industry stakeholders |
| 2005-06 | Chris Watters | Cocktail function | Queensland Hotels Association | \$50.00 | Queensland Hotels Association - farewell Jim Stewart, past President | Liaison opportunity with liquor industry stakeholders |
| 2005-06 | Laurie Longland | Lunch | Queensland Resident Accommodation Managers Association | \$70.00 | Christmas lunch – Tattersalls Club | Liaison opportunity with body corporate industry stakeholders |
| 2005-06 | Laurie Longland | Dinner | Restaurant and Catering Queensland | \$70.00 | Annual RCQ Brisbane awards – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre | Supporting Queensland liquor industry stakeholders |
| 2005-06 | Laurie Longland and Chris Watters | Dinner | Queensland Hotels Association | \$70.00 each | Attend 2005 QHA Awards for Excellence | Supporting Queensland liquor industry stakeholders |