

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 499**

**Asked on 15 March 2007**

**Dr FLEGG** asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) -

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding, or funding used for one-off grants, expended by her department/s at the discretion of the minister or chief executive officer—

(1) Will she provide for 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, details of all items of expenditure from such fund/s and or one-off grants including (a) reason for expenditure, (b) total amount, (c) the date each item of expenditure was approved and (d) the person/s responsible for approval of expenditure?

(2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?

(3) Why are the reserve or contingency funding or one-off grants used rather than approved grant funds?

### **ANSWER:**

There is no reserve, contingency or emergency funding which is expended at the discretion of the Deputy Premier, Treasurer or Minister for Infrastructure, or the Under Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Advance is an amount of appropriation within Treasury's administered budget as a whole-of-Government provision for potentially emergent costs. No funds are actually expended from the Treasurer's Advance. The 2006-07 Budget for the Treasurer's Advance was \$100 million.

The Department of Infrastructure was established on 15 January 2007. The Director-General, who is also the Coordinator-General, has a reserve in 2006-07 of \$2.5 million.

The attached table (Attachment A) lists expenditure from the Coordinator-General's reserve in the 2006-07 financial year as at 31 March 2007.

The uncommitted balance of the Coordinator-General's reserve as at 31 March 2007 was \$657,100.

The purpose of this reserve is to meet unplanned expenditure associated with the planning and facilitation of emergent infrastructure proposals outside of the annual business plan. No one-off grant funding is expended at the discretion of the Coordinator-General.

## Attachment A

Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Completion of the evaluation of the Binding Bids for the Northbank project	\$250,000.00	8 December 2006	Previous CG
Port Douglas Waterfront Master Plan - due diligence review (identification)	\$4,440.95	3 January 2007	Previous CG
Townsville City - port strategic plan	\$69,382.15	3 January 2007	Previous CG