

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 506

**asked on Thursday, 15 March 2007**

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MR HOPPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

### QUESTION:

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

- (1) Will he/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:

- (1&3) The Department of Natural Resources and Water operates a contingency fund to provide the capacity and flexibility to respond to unexpected or emergency events and the needs of individuals and communities affected by those events.

Operating such a fund has been a standard procedure in Queensland for many years and under many different governments and access to the fund requires the approval of the Governor-in-Council, the Director-General or the Premier

Attachment A lists expenditure from the Director-General's Reserve fund in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years, as at 28 February 2007.

- (2) The uncommitted balance of the Director-General's Reserve fund, as at 28 February 2007, is \$1.04 million.

## ATTACHMENT A

2005-06 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Sponsorship of Beef Australia 2006	20,000	20/05/2005	Director General
Contribution to Cape York Tenure Resolution MOU	70,000	2/09/2005	Director General
Restoration and launch of Departmental Military Honour Board	1,678	9/09/2005	Director General
River Festival - Liquid Lens Awards	50,000	13/09/2005	Director General
Sponsorship of International Riverfoundation	75,000	15/09/2005	Director General
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultures Centre sponsorship	5,000	15/09/2005	Director General
Contribution to NRM Resource Lounge	5,000	27/09/2005	Director General
Contribution to cross agency Leadership Lounge	1,000	5/10/2005	Director General
Contribution to Natural Resources Week 2006	140,000	27/10/2005	Director General
Contribution to Queensland WaterWise Challenge - a Statewide Water Saving Award Initiative	75,000	14/11/2005	Director General
Contribution to Queensland Skills Expo: <i>Work &amp; Play Queensland on Show</i>	16,000	1/12/2005	Director General
Administrative Review funding - Decision Making Train the Trainer	20,000	13/12/2005	Director General
Human Resources - ChemWatch Subscription	50,000	13/12/2005	Director General
Contribution to Collinsville Mining Heritage Museum	50,000	13/12/2005	Director General
Provision of strategic support to Government Champion	43,000	21/12/2006	Director General
Cultural History Map commemorating Dutch exploration around North Queensland	6,000	23/12/2005	Director General
Corporate Communications funding - GM support costs	155,000	5/01/2007	Director General
North Region funding - Siam Weed eradication	117,000	17/01/2006	Director General
Contribution to cross agency SOBIN Initiative	20,000	25/01/2006	Director General
Contribution to The ATSE Crawford Fund Queensland Program	30,000	30/01/2006	Director General
Contribution to Aboriginal Rainforest Council	30,000	30/01/2006	Director General
Land Policy funding - Tidal Land Study	130,000	30/01/2006	Director General
Strategic Policy & Legal funding - Special Advisor, Legislation	9,000	9/02/2006	Director General
Contribution to refurbishment of the Weipa Cultural Centre	23,494	4/04/2006	Director General
Sponsorship of the 2006 Australian Festival of Chamber Music's Outback Harmonies Tour	20,000	24/04/2006	Director General
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06 \$ 1,162,172.00</b>			

2006-07 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Contribution to 2006 Tripartite Women's Conference (NRMW; DPI&F; EPA)	50,000	19/05/2006	Director General
River Festival - Liquid Lens Awards & Sponsorship	75,000	31/05/2006	Director General
Sponsorship of State Council of River Trusts Queensland Annual General Meeting	2,000	19/06/2006	Director General
Strategic Policy & Legal funding - economic modelling facilitating coal and mineral exploration	101,800	30/06/2006	Director General
Strategic Policy & Legal funding - temporary staff for Strategic Policy	7,640	21/07/2006	Director General
Director General funding - staff secondments to Service Delivery Performance Commission	40,827	3/08/2006	Director General
Director General funding - staff secondments to Service Delivery Performance Commission	4,250	31/08/2006	Director General
Contribution to North Australia Beef Research Council natural resource management program	4,545	11/09/2006	Director General
NRW Excellence Awards - professional development funding	5,200	2/11/2006	Director General
Contribution to Queensland Skills Expo: <i>Work &amp; Play Queensland on Show</i>	9,132	15/02/2007	Director General
Gold Coast Fishermens' Co-operative - jetty work	120,000	26/02/2007	Director General
Contribution to NRM Resource Lounge	5,000	27/02/2007	Director General
Contribution to cross agency Leadership Lounge	1,000	27/02/2006	Director General
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007 \$ 426,394.00</b>			