

Question on Notice

No. 508

Asked on Thursday, 15 March 2007

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) -

QUESTION:

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

(1) Will he 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:

Main Roads

(1&3) Main Roads advises that it does not hold any reserves, contingencies or emergency funding. All funds available are allocated each year as indicated in the Roads Implementation Program (RIP).

Main Roads makes a significant number of grant payments each year under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS). All TIDS grants proposed to be made are published each year in the RIP.

Other grant payments are made each year to various transport groups of which Main Roads is a member. These grants are for membership fees and for work performed for Main Roads. The attached table (Attachment A) lists all these grant payments in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years as at 28 February 2007.

(2) As all Main Roads funding is fully allocated in the RIP each year there are no uncommitted funds.

Queensland Transport

(1&3) Queensland Transport advises that it does not hold any reserves, contingencies or emergency funding. All funds have been approved as part of the yearly state budget process.

Queensland Transport makes a significant number of grant payments each year as part of approved grants programs, such as the SchoolBUS Upgrade Scheme, Regional Airport Development Scheme and the installation of security cameras in taxis. Grant payments made under these programs have been excluded from this response as these programs are ongoing in nature or span over several years. Similarly, payments made to external bodies under the Driver Revivor and Rider Survivor program have also been excluded.

The attached table (Attachment B) list all remaining grants payments made in 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years as at 28 February 2007.

ATTACHMENT A

2005-06 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
First quarter membership contribution to the National Transport Commission	218,000.00	10-Aug-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
2005-06 Austroads membership contribution	111,600.00	15-Aug-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
First quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	221,125.00	15-Aug-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	424,540.00	20-Oct-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
Second quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	221,125.00	20-Oct-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
Second quarter membership contribution to the National Transport Commission	218,000.00	20-Oct-2005	Deputy Director General - Mary Jacobson
Third quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	221,125.00	23-Jan-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Third quarter membership contribution to the National Transport Commission	218,000.00	24-Jan-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	49,820.00	6-Feb-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	730,658.00	6-Feb-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Qld) Inc	12,692.05	21-Feb-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	26,400.00	21-Mar-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Fourth quarter contribution to the National Transport Commission	218,000.00	18-Apr-06	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Fourth quarter contribution to the works program - Austroads	221,125.00	28-Apr-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	130,000.00	19-May-2006	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
Membership fees Australian Road Federation	18,000	23-May-06	Acting Deputy Director General - Ray Bruest
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06 \$ 3,260,210.05			

Note Payments for membership contributions to the National Transport Commission are for Main Roads and Queensland Transport. \$436,000 has been refunded by Queensland Transport to Main Roads.

Transport Certification Australia is a new agency that has been established to provide the certification of companies that will be responsible for monitoring the movement of higher mass limit vehicles over designated roads under the Intelligent Access Program. This is the result of an agreement between the Commonwealth and all State and Territory governments. Queensland and NSW are providing the initial funding for the establishment of this agency as the monitoring of higher mass limit vehicles will begin first in these two states. When the other states come on line a proportion of the start up costs paid in 2005-06 and 2006-07 will be returned to Queensland and NSW. Contributions in future years (2007-08 and onwards) will significantly reduce.

Queensland Transport refunded to Main Roads \$275,150 of the payments made to Transport Certification Australia.

2006-07 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
First quarter contribution to the National Transport Commission	223,250.00	14-Jul-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
2006-07 Austroads membership contribution	114,900.00	4-Aug-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
First quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	227,775.00	4-Aug-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Member contribution to Transport Certification Australia	909,727.00	28-Aug-2006	Director General - Alan Tesch
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	281,818.00	31-Aug-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	144,000.00	31-Aug-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	175,000.00	31-Aug-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	26,400.00	31-Aug-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Annual contribution ARRB Group National Information Services	83,149.00	18-Oct-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Second quarter contribution to National Transport Commission	223,250.00	15-Oct-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Second quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	227,775.00	20-Oct-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	26,400.00	29-Nov-2006	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Third quarter contribution to the National Transport Commission	223,250.00	19-Jan-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Third quarter contribution to works program - Austroads	227,775.00	4-Feb-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Membership fee for World road Association - Austroads PIARC Committee	800.00	4-Feb-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
Contribution to Transport Certification Australia	26,400.00	14-Feb-2007	Deputy Director General - Les Ford
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007 \$ 3,141,669.00			

Note Payments for membership contributions to the National Transport Commission are for Main Roads and Queensland Transport. \$334,875 has been refunded by Queensland Transport to Main Roads.

ATTACHMENT B

2005-06 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS - These payments formed part of a marketing and research study which the CILT managed for all stakeholders involved. The study focused on the identification of image-related issues which the industry faced and which contributed to its current and looming skill shortage.	13,636.36	08.07.2005	Les Ford, Deputy Director General
THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS - To enable the Chartered Institute of Transport to promote transport training and education through its program of regular activities for members, the transport awards program and the Career's Forum.	7,000.00	03.04.2006	Debra Arber, Principal Advisor (Office of the Director General)
TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS SOCIAL CLUB - Contribution to the QT/MR Social Club. To assist in fostering a healthy workplace to encourage retention of staff.	500	12.07.2005	Bruce Wilson, Director General
QUT QLD UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - Payment is part of a whole of government research grant. The overall program goal is to reduce the incidence and economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in rural and remote Queensland.	25,000.00	25.07.2005	Renae Moore, A/Senior Manager (Policy)
TOOGOOLOWAH TAXI SERVICE - Contribution paid to Toogoolawah Taxi service to retain the vendor to provide service to Esk which had no taxi service.	1,818.18	10.08.2005	Martin Thomsett, Manager Community Transport Solutions
SHIPPING AUSTRALIA LTD - As a Corporate gesture a small contribution was made to the cost of the annual shipping ball which allowed senior officers of MSQ to formally liaise with industry representatives	1,250.00	30.08.2005	John Watkinson, General Manager Maritime Safety Queensland
YMCA LOGAN CITY YOUTH SERVICES - UTURN was a process that came out of the Theft Reduction Councils (Aust) initiative to reduce car crime. UTURN was about the rehabilitation of young offenders, who would be placed in a role by (in this case, YMCA Logan City) in rebuilding older cars with the QPS then giving the restored cars to victims of car crime.	1,000.00	02.11.2005	David Ball Director Policy Advice
MARINE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - The promotion & development of a marine education syllabus in Queensland schools.	1,000.00	11.11.2005	John Watkinson, General Manager Maritime Safety Queensland
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY - To assist in the funding of a project research fellowship within the Sustainable Transport & Urban Development Research Pgm	25,000.00	15.05.2006	Bruce James, Director (Integrated Transport Planning)
ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA - EngQuest a program of Engineers Australia designed to develop learning in science, maths and technology for school children. The aim is the promotion of subjects in school that will develop interest and ability in technical fields.	2,500.00	29.05.2006	Ray Rawlings, A/Executive Director (Integrated Transport Planning)
QLD CONSERVATION COUNCIL - Contribution towards research programme on sustainable transport.	100,000.00	28.06.2006	Dan Hunt, Deputy Director General
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06		\$178,704.54	

2006-07		Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason				
THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS - To enable the continued skills & labour focus for the Transport & Logistics Industry through the T&L Careers Forum. This was to fund a 12 month position & was co-funded with Industry.		50,000.00	01.09.2006	Wendy Bullock, A/Executive Director (Corporate Office)
QLD UNIVERSITY - Emerging Futures: a research project examining the architectural and urban centre of future transit-orientated development areas - railway stations as part of an Australian Research Council (ARC) project on TOD being undertaken by the University of Queensland (UQ) with funding from Queensland Transport and Queensland Rail.		20,000.00	26.07.2006	Russell Murray, A/Director TransApex Team
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY - The program is to contribute to the development of sustainable transport policy in Queensland. The funding commitment is for an amount of \$50,000 per year for a period of three years, comprising \$40,000 towards the salary costs of the Research Fellow and \$10,000 to support project costs. The funding is provided on the basis of a partnership approach between Queensland Transport and Griffith University.		50,000.00	15.02.2007	Bruce James, Director Transport Planning
QUT QLD UNIVERSITY - Industry contribution to Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Research Project LP0560564 in "Improving the visibility and safety of pedestrians, road workers & cyclists" undertaken by School of Optometry in QUT. The project is funded by the Federal Government through the Australian Research Council (ARC). It is part of a whole of government research grant. \$10,000 was QT's contribution.		10,000.00	17.07.2006	Beth Stapleton, Senior Business Manager
DEPT OF INFRASTRUCTURE MELBOURNE - Queensland's contribution towards implementation of actions arising from the National strategy for improving safety at and around railway level crossings through road vehicle driver and pedestrian behavioral change.		54,500.00	19.12.2006	Mike Stapleton, A/Executive Director
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007		\$184,500.00		