

## Question on Notice

No. 511

Asked on Thursday, 15 March 2007

**MR LINGARD MP** asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth (**MR PITT**) -

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:

(1)

My portfolio deals with some of the most pressing social issues facing Queensland today – partnerships with our Indigenous communities, quality child care, domestic violence, the provision of services to people with a disability, recognition of the contribution of seniors and youth to our communities, youth justice, disaster recovery, and mechanisms to improve the engagement of Queenslanders with the government.

In the course of the departments' operations, some of the funding provided under approved grants programs will be of a one-off nature to support vulnerable individuals or non-government organisations which provide such support. This one-off funding is provided under the various funding programs administered by my portfolio and is authorised via a stringent approval process.

### Disability Services Queensland Contingency Fund

	Item	Reason for expenditure	Total amount	Approval date	Reason for use of reserve funding
2006/07	Nil	Not applicable	Nil	Not applicable	Not applicable

### Department of Communities Contingency Fund

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2006/07	Nil	Not applicable	Nil	Not applicable	Not applicable

In 2005-06 all expenditure for Department of Communities and Disability Services Queensland was incurred on departmental programs.

(2)

The uncommitted balance of the Department of Communities contingency fund as at 5 April 2007 is \$500,000.

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(3)

This reserve funding is maintained in case of unforeseen emergent departmental priorities. Before the end of this financial year, any unspent funds will be reallocated to departmental programs.