

Question on Notice

No. 512

Asked on 15 March 2007

MR MCARDLE asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

QUESTION:

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding, or funding used for one-off grants, expended by his department 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:

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General uses reserves or contingency funds for unforeseen expenditures. All known costs are built into the operational budgets across the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

The attached table (Attachment A) lists expenditure from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's contingency/reserve fund in the 2005-06 financial year.

As a contingency fund is just that, a contingency, and as the 2006-07 financial year is not yet complete, it is not possible at this stage to state what the residual may be at the end of the financial year.

ATTACHMENT A

2005-06	Amount	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason	(GST Exclusive)		
Data Improvement - Temporary project officer for seven months	32,000.00	22-Apr-2005	Director-General
Senior Executive Service Mobility Program for six months	65,000.00	22-Apr-2005	Director-General
Increase in State Law Building accommodation costs	218,000.00	7-Jul-2005	Director-General
Transfer funds to Human Resources and Financial Services to cover costs associated with the transfer of SAP and AURION to CorpTech	169,000.00	18-Jul-2005	Director-General
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06 \$		484,000.00	