

**Question on Notice
No. 516
Asked on 15 March 2007**

MR NICOLLS asked the MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING, WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN (MRS KEECH) –

QUESTION:

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

With reference to my response to the above question tabled on 16 April 2007, I have been advised by my Director-General that the original answer incorrectly refers to the requirement that amounts of more than \$350,000 paid prior to 14 December 2006 required Ministerial approval. That amount should have been \$375,000.*

My Director-General has also provided a more detailed break down of certain payments from the fund. It includes an amount not contained in my previous answer.

The department maintains a reserve for emergent and unforeseen events.

The attached table (Attachment A) lists expenditure made from reserve, contingency or emergency funding, or one-off grants in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years as at 28 February 2007.

The balance of these funds is fully committed.

The department does not have an approved grant fund program. Payments of one-off grants are made from operational funds.

Department of Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development

ATTACHMENT A

Funding From Departmental Reserve

2005-06	Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason			
Funding of a temporary project officer to assist the City Safety Action Plan independent taskforce	\$48,000	4/08/2005	Director-General
Funding for the implementation of recommendations of the CMC report on adult entertainment	\$47,000	8/08/2005	Director-General
Smart Service Queensland (SSQ) initiative – funding for 2 positions and SSQ project administration costs	\$275,000	31/08/2005	Director-General
Funding of a Departmental Liaison Officer	\$100,000	31/08/2005	Director-General
Sponsorships for wine and tourism industry development activities	\$50,000	31/08/2005	Director-General
Voluntary early retirement funding provided to the Mackay Office	\$30,000	12/10/2005	Director-General
Contribution to the Queensland Government Skills Expo	\$2,000	7/12/2005	Director-General
Development of the Queensland Tourism Strategy	\$140,000	13/12/2005	Director-General
Implementation of the whole-of-Government SAP Finance Solution	\$50,000	4/01/2006	Director-General
Funding of a temporary part-time position in the Legal Services Unit	\$11,000	22/02/2006	Director-General
Purchase of scanners in regional offices	\$5,000	27/02/2006	Director-General
Sponsorship of the Port Vila – Mackay Yacht Race	\$25,000	20/04/2006	Director-General
Supplement funding in the Office of the Director-General	\$40,000	20/04/2006	Director-General
Purchase of computer equipment	\$54,000	18/05/2006	Director-General
Payment of enquiry costs	\$82,878	28/06/2006	Director-General/DDG
Payment of unfunded legal costs	\$10,529	(Note 1)	Director-General/DDG
Payment of unfunded legal costs	\$404,396	26/10/2006	Minister*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06		\$1,374,803	
Note 1: Payment of 7 invoices approved between 12 October 2005 and 16 January 2007 relating to an enquiry.			

2006-07		Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason				
Funding of an Indigenous Coordinator position in Townsville to improve the link between operational and policy/program areas of the department and the effectiveness of departmental responses to Indigenous issues		\$64,000	21/12/2006	Director-General
2007 Graduate Recruitment & Development Program		\$84,000	22/11/2006	Director-General
Contribution to the Department of Infrastructure for the 2007 @ Work and Play Event		\$85,000	26/02/2007	Director-General
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007		\$233,000		

One-off Grants

2005-06		Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason				
Contribution to the development of a business and marketing plan for the Granite Belt Tourism Association		\$2,000	20/04/2006	Director-General
Contribution to the fit out of the Queensland College of Wine Tourism		\$18,500	19/06/2006	Minister
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06		\$20,500		
2006-07		Amount (GST Exclusive)	Date Approved	Approved By
Reason				
Contribution to the Queensland Wine Industry Association		\$7,000	1/07/2006	Director-General
Contribution to the fit out of the Queensland College of Wine Tourism		\$11,500	11/08/2006	Minister
Grants to organisations to host events celebrating International Women's Day in Queensland.		\$20,295	8/02/2007	Minister
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007		\$38,795		