

**Question on Notice
No. 518
Asked on 15 March 2007**

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations (MR MICKEL) —

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:

The Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations does not operate or have any provision for reserve, contingency or emergency funding at his discretion.

I am advised that the Director-General of State Development does not operate a reserve, contingency or emergency fund or a fund for one-off grants.

Attachment A lists expenditure for the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations Director-General's Contingency Fund in 2005-06.

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 or may not be at the end of the financial year.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Department of Employment and Industrial Relations advises:

ATTACHMENT A

2005-06 Reason	Amount (GST Exclusive) \$	Date Approved	Approved By
Explore DIR's participation in a collaborative learning project	11,682.00	7-Dec-2005	DG
DIR Strategic Planning Process	9,450.00	7-Dec-2005	DG
Mobile Standard Operating Environment Computing Project	25,000.00	7-Apr-2005	DG
Update information on the Equivalent Salaries in Australian Capital Cities	9,000.00	15-Mar-2005	DG
Interest Based Bargaining for Teachers Aides, Research and Workshops	2,889.00	29-Mar-2005	DG
Qld Government Skills Expo	10,000.00	28-Nov-2005	DG
Limited roll out of mobile technology pilot in Mackay	10,319.00	15-May-2006	DG
Contracted advisory services relating to salary sacrificing for senior public service positions	6,908.00	11-Aug-2005	DG
Knowledge Management Framework Study	10,820.00	30-Aug-2005	DG
SUNDRY			
International Aid and Development Business	413.00	19-Jul-2005	DG
Payroll Expenses (reversal of accrual)	-3,852.00	1-Jul-2005	DG
Art Purchase from LAURA	150.00	14-Jul-2005	DG
Smart Women Smart State Awards	3,000.00	15-Aug-2005	DG
International Women's Day Events	148.00	15-Mar-2006	DG
FBT (related to DG contingency fund activities)	2,879.00	29-Jun-2006	DG
CSQ Quality Management Support	560.00	27-Feb-2006	DG
Aerial for Wireless Card Technology	180.00	20-Feb-2006	DG
Annual APRA payment	353.00	3-Jan-2006	DG
Travel (review of regional accommodation and administration)	1,991.00	15-Dec-2005	DG
Miscellaneous (Redundant Corporate Card)	-1,566.00	30-Nov-2005	DG
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2005-06 \$		100,324.00	