

Question on Notice

No. 550

Asked on Tuesday 17 April 2007

MR SEENEY asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

What is the breakdown of hospitality and entertainment received for chief executive officers and senior executive service officers for his department/s in 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year to date), detailing (a) names of the officers receiving the hospitality and entertainment, (b) type of the hospitality and entertainment received for each officer, (c) provider of the hospitality and entertainment for each officer, (d) total value of the hospitality or entertainment including travel and accommodation if relevant, (e) purpose of the hospitality or entertainment and (f) benefit to the Queensland taxpayer?

ANSWER:

The member may be aware that in August 2003, a new Gifts and Benefits Policy covering all state public servants was introduced. The release of this new policy demonstrates this government's commitment to transparency and accountability and expectations of a high standard of ethical behavior by public service employees.

At the same time, the Premier took the opportunity to set up a similar policy for Ministers and Ministerial staff.

The policy for public servants covers gifts and benefits, including hospitality, to be given or received by public service employees – regardless of their value. It reinforces that it is not appropriate for public service employees to be offered or to give gifts and benefits that may be likely to influence them in the performance of their official duties. The policy makes it clear to public servants how to make decisions about accepting offers.

At the Premier's office's request, the Office of the Public Service Commissioner checked that this policy has been implemented. The advice, following this check, is that all government departments have fully implemented the policy and maintain a gifts and benefits register as well as regularly reviewing practices to ensure compliance with this policy. Staff training and awareness programs have also been conducted so that employees understand their obligations and responsibilities in the offers of gift or benefits while performing their official duties.

As advised to me by my Departments, please refer to the attached table for a breakdown of reportable hospitality or entertainment provided to Senior Executive Officers in the Department's of Transport and Main Roads for 2005-06 and 2006-07 year to date.

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Names of the officers receiving the hospitality and entertainment	Type of the hospitality and entertainment received for each officer	Provider of the hospitality and entertainment for each officer	Total value of the hospitality or entertainment including travel and accommodation if relevant	Purpose of the hospitality or entertainment and reason for acceptance.
2005/2006				
Bruce James	2 Dinner and tickets for musical 'Saturday Night Fever'	Greg Steele – Parsons Brinkerhoff	\$300.00	Building understanding of transport planning issues and capacities
Les Ford	Attend dinner and performance of 'Saturday Night Fever' at Lyric Theatre	Mike Scanlan - QR	\$300.00	Maintain working relationships with QR
Bruce Wilson	Invitation to attend "Saturday Night Fever"	Mark Gray – Macquarie Bank	\$300.00	To maintain effective relationships with the national business community
Lucy Snelling	Flight, accommodation and dinner at Crowne Plaza, Sydney	OPTUS	\$460.00	To jointly review best practice of corporate communication with members of QR and to maintain good working relationships

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Luke Franzmann	Dinner and tickets to State of Origin	GHD Pty Ltd	\$425.00	Opportunity to develop relationships with key partners and establish networks
David Bell	Dinner and tickets to State of Origin	GHD Pty Ltd	\$425.00	Opportunity to develop relationships with key partners and establish networks
2006/2007				
Bruce James	Australian PGA Championship	John Knaggs, CEO – Maroochy Council	\$300.00	Discuss transport planning issues of mutual interest
Helen Stebhens	Tickets to Cirque Du Soleil	GHD Pty Ltd	\$400.00	Networking opportunity
Helen Stebhens	Dinner at Virgin Blue "Hangar Ball"	Mackay Port Authority	\$500.00	Representing QT
Bruce Wilson	Tickets to Cirque Du Soleil	Ernst & Young	\$400.00	To maintain effective business relationships with the business community
Capt. R Johnson	Binoculars, hat,	Port of Brisbane	\$310.00	To develop and foster

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	lunch & ticket to First Ashes Test Match	Corporation		relationships with maritime industry stakeholders
Capt. J Watkinson	Buffet lunch & tickets to the First Ashes Test	Australian Maritime Systems Ltd	\$330.00	Opportunity to meet informally and network with maritime industry representatives
Cap. J Watkinson	Binoculars, hat, lunch & ticket to First Ashes Test Match	Port of Brisbane Corporation	\$310.00	To develop and foster relationships with maritime industry stakeholders
Mr Huggett	Buffet lunch & tickets to the First Ashes Test	Australian Maritime Systems Ltd	\$330.00	Opportunity to meet informally and network with maritime industry representatives
Capt. J Ellyett	Framed print of company dredge	Boskalis	\$400.00	Fostering international relationships

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2005/2006				
Colin Jensen GM(RS&E)	Invite to view RiverFire - Mr & Mrs Jensen	Wayne O'Malley Brisbane City Works	370.00	Relationship building/networking opportunity.
2006/2007				
Alan Tesch, Director-General	Boy From Oz	Hugh Morrison & Ivor Peres Thiess	\$300.00	Beneficial networking opportunity.
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	Concert	Alan Graham Ogden IFC		
Les Ford	Tickets to Indy Gala Ball	Terry Mackenroth Chairman Lexmark Indy Partnership Committee	\$500.00	Networking opportunity/strengthening relationships.
Les Ford	Tickets to attend Varekai - Cirque Due Soliel	John McHugh Account Manager Optus Business	\$500.00	Representing Department for telecommunications infrastructure provider to further strengthen relationships
Ray Breust	Defensive Driving	Mark Courtney Hastings Deering	\$295.00	Relationships building/networking with industry.
Neil Doyle	Two Day tickets for official suite	Terry Mackenroth Chairman Lexmark Indy Partnership Committee	\$600.00	Relationships building/networking opportunity.

