

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 567**  
**Asked on 17 April 2007**

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

**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:**

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 the expectation of a high standard of ethical behaviour 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 State 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 has checked that this policy has been fully implemented. The advice, following this check is that all Government Departments have fully implemented the policy and maintain a gifts and benefits register and regularly review 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.

The attached tables provide details of all registered hospitality and entertainment received by chief executive and senior executive officers of the Department of State Development and the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations for the period 2005-06 over the threshold of \$250.

Data for 2006/07 will be finalised at the end of the financial year.

**The Department of State Development advises:**

**2005-06 Financial Year**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Entertainment / Hospitality Received</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Value (incl travel &amp; Accm costs)</b>	<b>Purpose of entertainment and reasons acceptance is of benefit to the Queensland community</b>
Brian Anker and partner	Dinner and performance	Telstra Corporation	\$150.00 x 2	Relationship Development / Encourages and enhances networks
John Strano	Sports event	Qantas	\$500.00	Relationship Development / Encourages and enhances networks
Paul Fennelly	Sports event	Telstra	\$300.00	Relationship Development / Encourages and enhances networks
Paul Fennelly	Sports event	Queensland Rail	\$300.00	Relationship Development / Encourages and enhances networks
Paul Fennelly	Sports event	ABN Amro	\$1,903.00	Relationship Development / Encourages and enhances networks

**The Department of Employment and Industrial Relations advises:**

**2005-06 Financial Year**

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Peter Henneken	Dinner & Awards	National Retailers Association	\$500.00	Relationship Development/Encourages and enhances networks