

**Question on Notice
No. 676
Asked on 22 May 2007.**

MRS LIZ CUNNINGHAM MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MS BOYLE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to child safety services –

- (1) Where have new buildings or major refurbishments been carried out?
- (2) What is the value of each building project (reported separately)?
- (3) What new funding in this financial year has been allocated for staffing levels (by electorate)?

ANSWER:

- (1) Where have new buildings or major refurbishments been carried out?

The Department of Child Safety has almost completed the largest office accommodation program in the history of child protection in Queensland.

The coming financial year will see the work of building and expanding offices continue to cater for our increased workforce, which has grown by 85 per cent since the new department started.

Please refer to Attachment 1 for a summary of the projects undertaken to date and those due to be completed shortly.

- (2) What is the value of each building project (reported separately)?

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- (3) What new funding in this financial year has been allocated for staffing levels (by electorate).

Since 2004-05, the Government has invested significantly in the staffing of the Department, with the allocation for employee expenses increasing by \$67.8 million, or 73%, from \$93.3 million to \$161.14 million for the 2006-07 year.

The department has allocated \$11.3 million in employee expense funding in 2006-07 for additional permanent staff.

Please refer to Attachment 2 for the estimated allocation of those employee expenses by electorate. Positions have been prorated across electorates where they cannot be attributed solely to one electorate. New staffing has been allocated to take account of workloads and the needs of the various communities across Queensland in which we operate.

On top of this allocation for permanent staff, the department has allocated \$3 million in new funding of a temporary nature for temporary staff in 2006-07 to address Intake and Assessment Backlogs. These backlog teams are targeting particular areas across the state where backlogs exist. Those resources are flexible and are not dedicated to particular electorates.

Attachment 1

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION	OCCUPANCY STATUS	PROJECT TYPE	Total Estimated Cost \$'000
Aitkenvale	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	1,008
Alderley	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	866
Atherton	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	681
Beaunesert	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	719
Beenleigh	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	574
Bne Sth & Gold Coast (Beenleigh)	Occupied	Zonal Office	654
Cairns Sth-Edmonton	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	935
Cape Torres-Cooktown	Occupied	Branch Office	146

Cape Torres-Thursday Is	Occupied	Branch Office	93
CapeTorres	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	991
Central Queensland (Rockhampton)	Occupied	Zonal Office	824
Chermside	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	335
Gladstone	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	767
Gulf-Mornington Island	Occupied	Branch Office	135
Innisfail	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	196
Ipswich & Western (Toowoomba)	Occupied	Zonal Office	499
Ipswich Nth	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	886
Ipswich Sth	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	887
Labrador	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	843
Logan & Bne West (Woodridge)	Occupied	Zonal Office	499
Loganlea	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	811
Maryborough	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	823
Mt Gravatt	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	83
Mt Isa & Gulf	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	1,386
Nth Queensland (Townsville)	Occupied	Zonal Office	392
Pine Rivers	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	152
Redcliffe	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	

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Rockhampton Sth	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	840
Sth Burnett-Kingaroy	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	665
Thuringowa	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	531
Toowoomba Nth	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	835
Toowoomba Sth	Occupied	Child Safety Service Centre	885
Sunshine Coast Sth (Caloundra)	July 07	Child Safety Service Centre	723
Wynnum Modifications	July 07	Child Safety Service Centre	301
Nerang	August 07	Child Safety Service Centre	896
Woodridge	August 07	Child Safety Service Centre	801
Cape Torres-Weipa	August 07	Branch Office	203
Murgon (Project funded by Dept of Public Works)	August 07	Branch Office	489

ATTACHMENT 2

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL PERMANENT POSITIONS ACROSS ELECTORATE 2006-07 FY

Electorate	\$
Albert	70,701
Algester	375,172
Ashgrove	64,836
Aspley	66,406
Barron River	79,563
Beaudesert	87,106
Brisbane Central	64,836
Broadwater	58,216
Bulimba	48,515
Bundaberg	51,710
Bundamba	196,961
Burdekin	294,851
Burleigh	48,515
Burnett	119,534
Cairns	98,341
Callide	231,469
Caloundra	47,117
Capalaba	48,515
Charters Towers	174,954
Chatsworth	80,187
Clayfield	75,822
Cleveland	48,515
Cook	1,664,257
Cunningham	140,535
Currumbin	48,515
Darling Downs	118,563
Everton	74,709
Ferny Grove	55,420
Fitzroy	106,979

Electorate	\$
Kurwongbah	47,117
Lockyer	158,765
Logan	96,740
Lytton	70,486
Mackay	61,126
Mansfield	89,889
Maroochydore	47,117
Maryborough	51,710
Mirani	107,320
Moggill	96,735
Mount Coot-tha	64,836
Mount Gravatt	58,216
Mount Isa	441,104
Mount Ommaney	352,986
Mudgeeraba	58,216
Mulgrave	109,326
Mundingburra	223,104
Murrumba	80,202
Nanango	218,803
Nicklin	47,117
Noosa	88,377
Nudgee	58,102
Pumicestone	71,898
Redcliffe	56,818
Redlands	61,000
Robina	58,216
Rockhampton	62,695
Sandgate	66,406
South Brisbane	48,515

Gaven	58,216
Gladstone	106,637
Glass House	71,898
Greenslopes	48,515
Gregory	142,445
Gympie	80,073
Hervey Bay	51,710
Hinchinbrook	164,582
Inala	352,986
Indooroopilly	69,018
Ipswich	114,823
Ipswich West	114,823
Kallangur	71,898
Kawana	55,420
Keppel	62,695

Southern Downs	140,535
Southport	48,515
Springwood	51,298
Stafford	75,822
Stretton	362,687
Surfers Paradise	48,515
Tablelands	57,592
Thuringowa	112,847
Toowoomba North	118,563
Toowoomba South	220,284
Townsville	297,138
Warrego	176,342
Waterford	85,969
Whitsunday	61,126
Woodridge	121,709
Yeerongpilly	58,216

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TOTAL	11,296,665.85