

**Question on Notice
No. 926
Asked on 7 June 2007**

MISS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICHEL)—

Will he explain (a) his reasons for the closure of the State Development Centre Brisbane George Street Office, (b) what arrangements are now in place for CBD businesses to access services and (c) how many staff were affected?

ANSWER:

(a) Reasons for the closure of State Development Centre Brisbane Office

The Department of State Development is introducing a new, more strategic approach to provide services to Queensland's businesses. Brisbane businesses will be serviced by the State Development Centres Northside and Southside. The physical location of the State Development Centre does not impede the level of service that it delivers. The new model allows better allocation of resources, and avoids duplication of services.

(b) Arrangements now in place for CBD businesses to access services

The arrangements in place for CBD businesses are the same arrangements that have always been in place. They can access services through any State Development Centre, via phone or online.

(c) how many staff were affected?

I am advised 23 staff were affected.