

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 944

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MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the launch of the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence (QCCCE) by the Premier on 15 March 2007—

Will he advise the (a) total number of people currently employed by the QCCCE, their job titles and classifications, reported separately, (b) non-current assets and non-current liabilities of the QCCCE and (c) total number of people currently working in the same building/s as the QCCCE that are not employed by the QCCCE, their job titles, classifications and who they work for, reported separately?

ANSWER:

I note that the Opposition previously has had an interest in where staff work at the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence (QCCCE). The member for Darling Downs said in Parliament early last month that the 52 staff from the QCCCE all work in one room. This is difficult to believe because there are staff in several buildings in four locations. I trust the Opposition will be more careful in any future claims about the centre.

a) 52 people are currently employed by the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence (QCCCE). The break up of job titles and classifications is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – QCCCE Job Titles, classifications and numbers of staff:

Administration Officer	AO2	1
Cadet Policy Officer	PO1	1
Executive Assistant	AO3	1
Manager	SO2	2
Principal Policy Officer	AO8	1
Principal Policy Officer	PO4	1
Principal Project Officer	PO4	1
Principal Scientist	PO5	4
Principal Project Officer	AO8	2
Principal Scientist	PO6	4
Program Manager	AO7	1
Program Manager	AO8	1
Project Officer	AO3	2

Director	SO1	1
Scientific Programmer	PO2	1
Scientific Programmer	PO3	2
Scientist	PO2	1
Scientist	PO3	8
Senior Policy Officer	PO4	1
Senior Scientific Modeller	PO3	1
Senior Scientific Programmer	PO3	2
Senior Scientific Programmer	PO4	1
Senior Scientist	PO4	10
Senior Spatial Information Officer	PO4	1
Senior Technical Officer	TO4	1

b) The acquisition value of the non-current assets of the QCCCE is \$7,106,800.

The non-current liabilities of the QCCCE total \$16,062. This is based on leave liabilities in excess of eight weeks, as at the 14 June 2007.

c) In addition to the QCCCE staff, there are currently 251 Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) staff located in the same buildings as the QCCCE.

The Climate Building at Indooroopilly accommodates 18 NRW staff. Block B at Indooroopilly also accommodates 57 other officers from NRW. There is one QCCCE staff member in Nambour along with another 84 NRW officers, and another in Cairns with 92 NRW staff. There seems little point in listing all these other officers when only one QCCCE staff member is located in these places.

Other people currently working in the same buildings as the QCCCE but not employed by the QCCCE or NRW are employed by other Government Departments not within the responsibilities of my portfolio.

The following tables detail the position titles and classifications of NRW officers, not part of the QCCCE, at each building where QCCCE staff are located.

Climate Building Indooroopilly:

Remote Sensing Officer	PO2	2
Scientist	PO2	8
Scientist	PO3	4
Senior Scientist	PO4	2
Senior Scientist	PO5	1
Senior Spatial Information Officer	PO3	1

Block B Indooroopilly:

Administration Officer	AO2	2
Administration Officer	AO3	2
Biogeochemist	PO4	1
Chemist	PO2	2
Chemist	PO3	2
Computing Support Officer	PO3	1
Graduate Engineer	PO2	1
Manager	AO8	1
Operational Officer	OO2	1
Operational Officer	OO3	5
Principal Chemist	PO5	1
Principal Scientist	PO5	2
Principal Scientist	PO6	2
Principal Soil Scientist	PO5	1
Project Officer	AO5	1
Quality & Safety Coordinator	TO5	1
Scientific Assistant	OO2	2
Scientific Assistant	OO4	1
Scientific Technical Officer	TO3	1
Scientist	PO3	6
Senior Administration Officer	AO5	1
Senior Laboratory Technician	TO3	2
Senior Scientist	PO4	2
Senior Technical Officer	TO4	1
Software Test Engineer	PO2	1
Soil Scientist	PO3	2
Technical Officer	TO2	7
Technical Officer	TO3	2
Executive Assistant	AO3	1
Director	SO1	1
Instrument Maker	OO5	1