

Question on Notice

No. 1371

Asked on 7 October 2008

MR Hobbs asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) –

QUESTION:

With reference to publications produced by each department and agency in his ministerial portfolio since 13 September 2007 that bear the image of the Premier (including but not restricted to advertising, publicity campaigns, newsletters, publications, brochures, information kits, papers, reports, CD-ROMs, leaflets, studies and electronic material), will he detail the title, cost and print run of each publication?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

Department of Main Roads

The *Roads Implementation Program* (RIP) is the only major publication targeted at external stakeholders and industry bearing the image of the Premier.

The Department of Main Roads is focussed on providing timely and accurate information on the delivery of its road infrastructure program to the people of Queensland. This is achieved through the annual RIP publication, its addendum and the included CD. This publication is also available on the Main Roads website.

The provision of this information to the taxpaying public and other interested parties is a legitimate business expense and reflects Main Roads' dedication to consultation and communication with local communities throughout Queensland. The RIP is a \$16.2 billion plan which details the Queensland Government's spending priorities on road infrastructure over the next five years, providing stakeholders with a five-year roadmap for Main Roads' construction projects throughout the State. It is a testament to the Bligh Government's commitment to providing infrastructure throughout Queensland to support our strong economic position.

Title: Roads Implementation Program 2008-09 to 2012-13

Cost: \$57 902 + GST of \$5 790 – Total \$63 692.20

Print Run: 1700

Across the state, the Department of Main Roads publishes a range of documents as a means of promoting community awareness of its works program and projects to encourage active community engagement. From time to time photographs may appear in these documents or in internal publications showing site inspections or visits by the Premier. These images may be used incidentally as part of broader articles on the department's extensive works program. It would be an inappropriate use of public funds to have

departmental officers individually identify and examine and document each such adhoc occurrence.

Department of Local Government

The department produced no Local Government related publications for specific promotional purposes which bore a photograph of the Premier between the period September 2007 to 7 October 2008.