

## Question on Notice

No. 1476

Asked on 9 October 2008

**MR NICHOLLS ASKED THE TREASURER (MR FRASER)—**

With reference to the announcement last year of the transfer of Treasury superannuation oversight responsibilities to QSuper Limited —

Will he detail (a) the cost of the Government Superannuation Office and (b) the value of the service agreement?

**ANSWER:**

The oversight of superannuation on behalf of the Queensland Government remains with me, as the Treasurer.

As you would be aware, the QSuper Board is preparing to become regulated by the Commonwealth Government. A requirement of regulation is that the QSuper Board has full control over all aspects of QSuper, including the administration.

The Board last year determined to administer the scheme by creating a wholly owned subsidiary, QSuper Limited and consequently last year the Government Superannuation Office, which was a portfolio office of my department, was abolished.

As with the operating costs of the Government Superannuation Office before it, the operating costs for running QSuper Limited are met from administration fees paid by QSuper members and are not a separate cost to Government. The QSuper Board is a statutory authority and tables its accounts annually in Parliament. Costs as disclosed for the last financial year are \$54.5 million.

I have been advised that the QSuper Board has specific goals around its fees to members and the fund has been externally rated as one of the lowest cost funds in Australia. In addition, I have been advised that the Board regularly benchmarks its product and service standards.

On 22 October 2008, ratings agency, SuperRatings named QSuper as one of the ten nominees for Fund of the Year which confirms QSuper's place as a leading Australian superannuation fund. The result includes an assessment against over 400 criteria including a continued focus on the service which QSuper Limited delivers.