

## Question on Notice

No. 1859

Asked on 26 November 2008

**Mr HORAN** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

### QUESTION:

With reference to the \$999,000 operating deficit for the Justice and Attorney-General portfolio in 2007-08 -

- (1) What areas of the portfolio ran over budget in 2007-08?
- (2) How many unit groups and sections had budget cuts in 2008-09 (reported by unit group/section)?

### ANSWER:

The operating deficit in 2007-08 relates solely to the operations of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. The deficit primarily reflects the use of existing cash balances of the Consumer Credit Fund towards consumer education initiatives and also represents approved non-cash losses associated with the write downs of non-current physical assets. These non-cash losses were approved by Queensland Treasury. The deficit was partially offset by a surplus achieved by Crown Law during 2007-08.

#### Approved Deficit Represented by:

Cash Balances utilised by the Cost of Consumer Credit	\$107,071
Approved loss on disposal of Sandgate Courthouse	\$588,623
Approved loss on revaluation of Artwork	\$609,625
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,305,319</b>
Partially offset by Surplus reported by Crown Law	\$305,996
<b>Approved Deficit</b>	<b>\$999,323</b>

There are no business units or sections of the Department that had budget cuts in 2008-09.