

Question on Notice
No. 596
Asked on 29 April 2008

MR DEMPSEY asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

Will the Premier provide a breakdown of (a) all contractors and consultants hired (listed separately by department) for the last three years and (b) the amount paid to each?

ANSWER:

The details of consultants hired by the Government in 2005-06 and 2006-07 were tabled in response to questions on notice asked by the Opposition during the Budget Estimates Committee processes in 2006 and 2007. This documentation was provided to the Opposition at that time and continues to be publicly available to the Honourable Member by contacting the Parliament's Table Office.

As at 30 April 2008, consultants hired by my department in 2007-08 for which payments have been made are:-

- Success Works Pty Ltd, paid \$84,072.73 not including GST;
- APIS Consulting Group, paid \$175,667.43 not including GST;
- Australia 21 Limited, paid \$32,727.27 not including GST;

Contractors are procured by Government departments seeking access to skills not presently available within the agency. During 2007-08 contractors have been engaged by my department to perform functions such as temporary administrative assistance, interpreting and translation services during visits by foreign dignitaries and trade missions, and for Information, Communication and Technology systems development.

The total amounts paid by Government departments to contractors and consultants are published in departmental annual reports which are publicly available on departmental websites or by contacting the Parliament's Table Office. The amounts paid during 2007-08 will be published in departmental annual reports which will be tabled in the Parliament later this year in accordance with the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.