Question on Notice No. 1489 Asked on 8 October 2009

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

How many public servant jobs are dedicated to media or public relations (listed by department) and has the definition used to define media and public relations officers changed in the last 12 months?

ANSWER:

As I announced in my answer to Question on Notice No. 334, as this matter is the subject of frequent questions, this information will in future be presented in departmental annual reports which are tabled in the House. This will commence in departmental annual reports for 2009-10, and the inclusion of this information in annual reports will ensure that it is readily and annually available in a consistent form.

My answer to Question on Notice No. 334 of June 2009 listed, by department, the number of jobs which are dedicated to media or public relations in the final month of the 2008-09 financial year, and I refer the Honourable Member to that answer for the information for 2008-09.

The Honourable Member should note that the only people who have been changing the definition used to define media and public relations have been Opposition Members, who have narrowed or widened the scope of this question each time it has been asked. My commitment to include this information in annual reports will ensure that it is annually available in a consistent form.