

Question on Notice

No. 497

Asked on 23 March 2010

MRS MENKENS asked the Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (MS STRUTHERS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of expenditure for the Office of Women from 1 July 2009 to the date of this question, including expenditure on the implementation of the Mason Review?

ANSWER

The Mason Review was implemented without any additional expenditure by the Office for Women. A key outcome of the Mason Review was to increase the profile and influence of the Office for Women. This has been achieved by a new 'hub and spoke' organisational model under which skilled and experienced Office for Women staff work with other Queensland Government agencies to enhance the delivery of policies and programs that improve women's employment, workplace conditions for women, and to support and promote women's participation in community life.

The Office for Women staff model includes regionally based staff and staff located in key Government agencies to embed gender analysis in policy development.

Expenditure from 1 July 2009 to 24 March 2010 for the Office for Women is as follows:

Item	Year to date expenditure
Employee expenses including the 'hub and spoke' model	\$1.9 million
Supplies and Services	
– Office for Women supplies and services	\$0.29 million
– Programs and initiatives	\$0.25 million
TOTAL	\$0.54 million
Grants and other expenses	\$0.06 million
TOTAL	\$2.5 million

Approximately \$2.5 million has been expended as at 24 March 2010. This expenditure includes:

- \$1.9 million salaries;
- \$0.08 million for Community Leadership Seminars and Mentoring;
- \$0.01 million for forums;
- \$0.03 million for grants;
- \$0.01 million for Women in Hard Hats initiatives;
- \$0.05 million for Women's Infolink service;
- \$0.04 million for Our Women—Our State Awards; and
- \$0.007 million for International Women's Day.