

Question on Notice

No. 324

Asked on 1 May 2013

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister outline the entitlements that Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs staff are provided when working in rural and remote areas?

ANSWER

Employees of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs in regional and remote locations may be entitled to whole of government benefits which include:

- Locality allowances as prescribed by the *Public Service Award – State 2012* and the Public Service Commission Directive No. 19/99;
- Leave and Travel Concessions – Isolated Centres as prescribed by the Public Service Commission Directive No. 14/08; and
- Housing and accommodation assistance as provided under the Government Employee Housing Scheme.

Department specific incentives that may be available to eligible employees are:

- preferential transfer considerations; and
- additional learning and development opportunities.

A departmental attraction incentive payment for certain staff in remote locations, available since July 2011, is being phased out over 2012–13.