

Question on Notice
No. 447
Asked on 6 June 2013

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

Will the Premier provide details of all funds spent on lawyers to appear on behalf of the State Government in the Industrial Relations Commission in 2012-13 (listed individually by department and total amount spent)?

ANSWER:

In 2012-13, approximately \$1,042,813 (excluding GST) was spent by Government departments on non-government lawyers appearing on behalf of the State in matters before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

Of the total amount, \$647,841 (excluding GST) was spent by Queensland Health which can predominantly be attributed to critical developments in disputes related to unpaid entitlements dating back to 2005, under the former Labor Government.