

**Question on Notice
No. 571
Asked on 20 August 2013**

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

With reference to the \$130,000 budget allocated to the Assistant Minister for Tourism and the \$128,000 budget allocated to the Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs detailed in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Service Delivery Statement for 2013-14 (pages 16-17) and noting that the budget allocation for most other Assistant Ministers is between \$80,000 and \$90,000 and that Assistant Ministers are not allocated travel budgets (as advised in the answer to Question on Notice No.161 of 2012)—

- (1) Will the Premier provide itemised breakdowns of the 2013-14 budgets for the two Assistant Ministers listed above?
- (2) Why have these two Assistant Ministers been allocated significantly more than other Assistant Ministers?

ANSWER:

Details of expenditure for all Assistant Ministers are included in the six month and annual Public Report of Ministerial Expenses tabled in Parliament. I tabled the most recent report on 21 August 2013.

The two Assistant Ministers mentioned in the question are regional members and the additional budget allocation is due to an allocation for travel to and from their electorate as was provided to Parliamentary Secretaries in the previous government who had regional electorates.

The assertion in the question that travel budgets are not provided to Assistant Ministers is erroneous. The response in Question on Notice No. 161 of 2012 mentions there is no budget for staff or staff travel for Assistant Ministers.