

Question on Notice
No. 774
Asked on 30 October 2013

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

With reference to the Newman Government's program of reducing the size of the public service—

Will the Premier provide the amount of the total reduction of Full-Time Equivalent positions (FTEs) in the (a) public service since 26 March 2012 (broken down by permanent, casual, temporary and contract staff) and (b) Government-Owned Corporations since 26 March 2012 (broken down by GOC and by permanent, casual, temporary and contract staff)?

ANSWER:

Since taking office, the Government has been focused on ensuring we have a public service we can afford, by working to curb unrestrained growth of the public service workforce. As part of the Government's fiscal repair agenda, departments have been asked to carefully consider where necessary savings can be made, and to make informed staffing decisions that ensure critical frontline services continue to be delivered to the community without interruption.

- (a) On behalf of the Queensland Government, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for the collection and maintenance of public service workforce information. This information is collected each quarter by the PSC from across public service departments and public service offices, and is then published on its website in a quarterly document titled *Queensland Public Service Workforce Quarterly Profile*. These publicly accessible documents are readily available to the Leader of the Opposition and other interested persons. They include data on the number of permanent, casual, temporary and contract employees and enable the reader to compare data from quarter to quarter. I am advised that data collection for the September 2013 quarter is currently being finalised by the PSC and it is planned to be made publicly available shortly.
- (b) Queensland Government Owned Corporations (GOCs) are separate legal entities with independent boards and management. GOCs disclose details of their employee numbers in their annual reports which are tabled in the Parliament and are publicly available. It is at each GOC's discretion to determine how they disclose details of employee numbers.