

Question on Notice
No. 775
Asked on 30 October 2013

MR MULHERIN asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

Will the Premier provide a detailed list of every private employment agency engaged by the government in 2012-13 and in 2013-14 to date, including the (a) department to which each agency provided temporary staff, (b) number of temporary staff engaged through the agency, (c) length of each engagement and (d) cost of each engagement?

ANSWER:

The information sought in this question is not centrally collected by Government departments.

However, approximate total payments to employment agencies by Government agencies over recent financial years are as follows:-

- 2010-11, \$84 million
- 2011-12, \$90 million
- 2012-13, \$43 million.

I am advised that the figure for 2012-13 differs from that provided in my answer to Question on Notice No. 544, because it was based upon the estimation available at that time.

For 2013-14, approximate total payments to employment agencies by Government agencies as at 30 September 2013 is, \$10 million.

This information has been extracted from the whole-of-Government financial reporting system and is consistent with individual accounting treatments used by Queensland Government agencies.

You will note that the amount being spent across Government has significantly reduced under the Newman Government.