

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 555

asked on Tuesday, 14 July 2015

MR BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF (DR MILES)——

QUESTION:

For the period 14 February to 30 June 2015, will the Minister provide (a) a list of all boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established within the Minister's portfolios, (b) the commencement date and completion date (if applicable) for each of the above, (c) a list of the total cost of administering all bodies identified in (a), and (d) the payments, fees and sitting fees paid to the chairperson and members of each body identified in (a)?

ANSWER:

Gathering the evidence required to make informed decisions is a key role of government. This is why the Palaszczuk Government has announced a number of inquiries into matters that we believe require additional investigation. Many of these inquiries also deliver on election commitments that we made earlier this year.

Reviewing how we do things is part of good government and we will continue to undertake investigations with the aim of identifying improvements and ways to deliver services and outcomes for Queenslanders more effectively.

To put this into context, the former LNP Government also undertook a number of reviews and inquiries during its term in government. I understand that a scan of publicly available documents has identified over 76 reviews conducted by the LNP Government.

In accordance with the *Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2014-2015 reporting period*, government agencies are required to publish information about all government bodies through the Queensland Government Open Data website (<https://data.qld.gov.au>) at the time their annual reports are tabled. This information is required to include the description and role of each government body, the total sum paid to the Chair and members of each body, and the total on-costs of the body including such things as travel.

I refer the Honourable Member to the Open Data website where information for 2014-2015 will be published by agencies in accordance with these requirements.

Should the Member have a question about a specific matter that is not published as part of the 2014-2015 annual reporting requirement I would be pleased to consider a request for that information.