

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1608

asked on Tuesday, 13 September 2016

DR ROWAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to any Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) seconded into the Minister's ministerial office—

Will the Minister detail (a) the number of DLOs as at 30 June 2015, (b) the number of DLOs as at 30 June 2016, (c) for (a) the AO, SO or SES level of the DLOs and (d) for (b) the AO, SO or SES level of the DLOs?

ANSWER:

As outlined in the *Queensland Ministerial Handbook* (the Handbook), Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are staff appointed by departments to facilitate communication and liaison between a ministerial office and a Minister's portfolio department or departments.

DLOs are not ministerial staff and as such are not seconded into a Minister's office as suggested in the Member's question. The Handbook requires that the role of a DLO should be limited to their designated department liaison function and that they should not do work that is normally the responsibility of ministerial staff.

The table below lists the number and seniority of DLOs provided by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing to my Office, as Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, as at 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2016.

This table also lists the number and seniority of DLOs provided by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and the then Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to the then Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and the then Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, as at 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2014.

| DEPARTMENT | As at 30 June 2013 | As at 30 June 2014 | As at 30 June 2015 | As at 30 June 2016 |
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| | Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing | Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing | Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef | Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef |
| Department of Environment and Heritage Protection | 2 DLOs 1 at AO6 level and 1 at AO4 level | 2 DLOs 1 at AO6 level and 1 at AO4 level | 1 DLO 1 at AO6 level | 2 DLOs 1 at AO6 level and 1 at AO5 level |
| Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing | 1 DLO 1 at AO6 level | 1 DLO 1 at AO6 level | N/A | N/A |
| Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing | N/A | N/A | 1 DLO 1 at AO7 level | 1 DLO 1 at AO6 level |