

Question on Notice

No. 1609

Asked on 13 September 2016

MR WALKER ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

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

Will the Attorney-General 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:

I thank the Member for Mansfield for his question.

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.

In relation to my ministry of Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and the Department of Justice and Attorney-General I advise as follows:-

- (a) two DLO's as at 30 June 2015;
- (b) two DLO's as at 30 June 2016;
- (c) one AO5 and one AO6 classification level as at 30 June 2015; and
- (d) one AO5 and one AO6 classification level as at 30 June 2016.

In relation to my ministry of Training and Skills and the Department of Education and Training, I advise as follows:-

- (a) as at 30 June 2015, there were two DLOs (one position shared across the Office of the Minister for Education);
- (b) as at 30 June 2016, there were two DLOs (one position shared across the Office of the Minister for Education);

(c) as at 30 June 2015, the classification levels were AO4 and AO8; and

(d) as at 30 June 2016, the classification levels were AO4 and AO8.