

## Question on Notice

No. 1611

Asked on 13 September 2016

**MR EMERSON ASKED THE TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON C PITT)—**

### QUESTION:

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

Will the Treasurer 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.

In relation to my portfolio responsibilities as Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Sport, I advise as follows:

For Queensland Treasury:

- (a) as at 30 June 2015, one DLO
- (b) as at 30 June 2016, two DLOs
- (c) as at 30 June 2015, one Senior Officer
- (d) as at 30 June 2016, two AO8 officers.

For the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships:

- (a) One
- (b) One
- (c) AO7
- (d) AO7

For the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing:

- (a) There were no Sport DLOs provided to my office as at 30 June 2015 as I did not have any portfolio responsibilities for Sport at that time.
- (b) One Sport DLO was provided to my office as at 30 June 2016.
- (c) Refer to my response to part (a) above.
- (d) The Sport DLO was at the AO6 level at 30 June 2016