

Question on Notice

No. 1612

Asked on 13 September 2016

MR KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS (HON K JONES) –

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.

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

- a) There were four DLOs, as at 30 June 2015 (one position shared across the Office of the Minister for Training and Skills);
- b) There were four DLOs, as at 30 June 2016 (one position shared across the Office of the Minister for Training and Skills);
- c) The classification levels of the DLOs were SO3, AO8, AO6 and AO4, as at 30 June 2015; and
- d) The classification levels of the DLOs were SO3, AO8, AO6 and AO4, as at 30 June 2016.

In relation to my ministry of Tourism and Major Events and the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, I advise as follows:-

- a) There was one DLO, as at 30 June 2015;
- b) There was one DLO, as at 30 June 2016, who was shared with the Minister for Small Business;
- c) The classification level of the DLO was AO5, as at 30 June 2015; and
- d) The classification level of the DLO was AO5, as at 30 June 2016.