

Question on Notice

No. 1716

Asked on 15 September 2016

MR MINNIKIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS (HON L ENOCH)—

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 the Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation I advise as follows:-

- (a) There was one DLO, as at 30 June 2015.
- (b) There was on DLO, as at 30 June 2016.
- (c) The classification of the DLO was AO7, as at 30 June 2015.
- (d) The classification of the DLO was AO7, as at 30 June 2016.

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

- (a) There were no DLOs, as at 30 June 2015.
- (b) There was one DLO, as at 30 June 2016, who was shared with the Minister for Tourism and Major Events.
- (c) N/A.
- (d) The classification level of the DLO was AO5, as at 30 June 2016.