

Question on Notice

No. 1717

Asked on Thursday, 15 September 2016

MR CRANDON asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

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:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the 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 Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and the Department of Transport and Main Roads, I advise as follows:-

- (a) There was 1.5 full-time equivalent DLOs within TMR as at 30 June 2015.
- (b) There were two FTE DLOs as at 30 June 2016.
- (c) The classification for the DLOs as at 30 June 2015 was AO6.
- (d) The classification for the DLOs as at 30 June 2016 are AO6.

In relation to my ministry of Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply and the Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS), I advise as follows:-

- (e) There was one DLO within DEWS as at 30 June 2015.
- (f) There was one DLO within DEWS as at 30 June 2016.
- (g) The classification for the DLO as at 30 June 2015 was an AO6.
- (h) The classification for the DLO as at 30 June 2016 was an AO6.