

**Question on Notice
No. 1088
Asked on 5 September 2018**

MR J KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the cost of (a) accommodation and (b) allowances and entitlements, for Office of the Commonwealth Games public servants and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation staff to stay at the Gold Coast during the Commonwealth Games period?

ANSWER:

As part of the delivery of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Games employees were required to be based on the Gold Coast.

Commonwealth Games staff were primarily responsible for delivering the trade and investment program, *Trade 2018*, which hosted 38 international delegations. They managed 32 unique functions including trade forums and industry site visits to build Queensland business opportunities.

Commonwealth Games delivered this bi-partisan program in partnership with Austrade and Trade and Investment Queensland.

It brought together more than 2,500 delegates and more than 150 speakers including His Excellency General, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the then High Commissioner of Australia to the United Kingdom, Alexander Downer AC, then Federal Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister, Steven Ciobo MP, Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie and City of Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate.

Commonwealth Games staff were rostered in various roles from 5am until midnight during the Games.

Commonwealth Games staff also delivered protocol services for visiting dignitaries including His Excellency General, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General and the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Entitlements for Queensland Government employees who are required to work outside of normal hours and to travel on official duty are detailed in the Queensland Public Service Directive 09/11 Domestic Travelling and Relieving Expenses.

Under the directive, allowances for Queensland Government employees include:

- Breakfast \$23.65
- Lunch \$26.55
- Dinner \$45.60
- Overnight incidental expenses \$17.30

As the honourable member would be aware, these are the same entitlements and conditions that were in place under the previous LNP Government.

The cost of accommodation and allowances for Queensland Government employees during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games were met within budget.

In fact, as highlighted in the recent Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) Annual Report, the Games were delivered more than \$37 million under the allocated budget.

Accommodation costs for the Office of Commonwealth Games were \$376,000. GOLDOC accommodation expenses were \$169,000.