

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 682**

**Asked on 17 May 2018**

**MR R KATTER** ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to reports that labour-hire employees, consultants and contractors are replacing public servants in regional Queensland and the government's announcement at the last budget that it was considering including labour-hire employees, consultants and contractors in data to measure the public service—

Will the Treasurer advise (a) if this review has been undertaken and, if so, the outcomes, (b) the number of labour-hire employees, consultants and contractors currently engaged to replace public servants and (c) if the Treasurer will commit to including the forecast number of labour-hire employees, consultants and contractors for each department and electorate for the 2018-19 and across the forward estimates?

### **ANSWER:**

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to restoring frontline services and to maintaining a sustainable public service. This includes close management of full time equivalents (FTEs), consultancies, labour hire and contractors.

The 2018-19 Budget noted that the Government will improve the quality of information by enhancing data collection, reporting and monitoring of indirect employment, such as the use of labour hire, contractors and consultants.

Currently, the value of expenditure on labour-hire employees, consultants and contractors is incorporated in the Supplies and Services expense line in departmental financial statements. Annual Reports, such as the Queensland Treasury Annual Report 2016-17, provide further information on the level of expenditure on these services.