

Question on Notice

No. 744

Asked on 13 June 2018

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise the amount of debt that (a) has been recovered by the State Penalties Enforcement Registry in the year leading up to 1 June 2018 and (b) has been written off in the same time period?

ANSWER:

The amount of debt collected by the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) between 1 June 2017 and 31 May 2018 was \$282.109 million.

During this period, SPER delivered an uplift in the finalisation rate of debts to 99 per cent (historically 65 per cent) and a slowing in the growth of unpaid debt registered with SPER from 8.7 per cent per annum in 2013-14 under the previous government to 3.4 per cent.

A total of \$3.975 million in unpaid debt was written off by SPER during this period.

Circumstances in which SPER may write off an unpaid debt include if the person liable to pay the amount dies; the amount is owed by a corporation that has been deregistered; insufficient information is available to establish the identity of the debtor; or in other circumstances permitted under a guideline issued by the Minister under the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* (SPE Act). The SPE Act provides that a guideline issued by the Minister about the writing off of debts by SPER must not be made available to the public.