

Question on Notice
No. 756
Asked on 13 June 2018

Mr D Crisafulli asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk) —

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise why ministerial offices will receive \$10.6m additional funding in the 2018-19 budget, and break down the planned expenditure by office?

ANSWER:

The majority of this funding over four years is to provide for the costs of an additional Ministerial Office and responds to previous base funding pressures.

The average annual increase in Ministerial Office expenses has been 3.76% from the 2014-15 budget to 2018-19. Over this period, wage EB outcomes have been 2.5% per annum. The majority of the remaining cost increases can be attributed to 1 William Street rent and ICT and providing greater access to ministers in regional areas. Since moving to the privately owned building at 1 William Street, Ministerial Office rent has nearly doubled from \$5.07m budgeted in 2015-16 to \$10.2m budgeted in 2018-19.

Numbers of staff and a budget per portfolio are provided in the Service Delivery Statement for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.