

Question on Notice

No. 867

Asked on 15 June 2018

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's one percent reprioritisation—

Will the Minister advise which grants, subsidies, supplies and services will be reduced in 2018-19 (listed separately by item)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Oodgeroo for his question.

The Government's 2017 election commitments will build on key policy priorities such as strengthening economic growth, particularly in the regions, providing jobs and building better communities.

The previous LNP Government introduced efficiency dividends with the aim of cutting expenditure which meant cuts to front-line services. In contrast, the reprioritisation program is about redirecting existing funding to deliver our election commitments to restore front-line services and deliver new hospitals, roads, public transport and schools. Delivery of this measure will not be at the cost of public service jobs nor the sale of strategic income earning assets.

I am pleased to advise that there will be no reduction in grants, subsidies, supplies and services in 2018-19 to fund the Government's reprioritisation measure, as it will be met from 2017-18 budgetary savings carried-over into 2018-19. These savings have been achieved through efficiencies gained from short term savings in employee expenses, improved workforce management and payroll processes, continual business improvement strategies and improved procurement and contract management practices and outcomes.