

Question on Notice

No. 100

Asked on 14 February 2019

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

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise, for the past three financial years, the total annual expenditure relating to conference, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses by departments and agencies under the administration of the Deputy Premier?

ANSWER:

Government departments only host conferences and workshops or public servants attend such events, in accordance with departmental approval processes, and the *Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service* would apply to the attendance of public servants at such events. Furthermore, the Honourable Member should note that financial transactions involving departments are annually and independently audited by the Queensland Audit Office.

I am advised that Queensland Treasury expenses for conferences, workshops, catering and hospitality is as follows:

2015-16: \$391,324.90

2016-17: \$406,084.63

2017-18: \$446,053.78

This does not include the Office of Industrial Relations which was transferred to the Department of Education as a result of a Machinery of Government Transfer effective 1 January 2018.

I am advised that the following amount was expended by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on conferences, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses for the past three financial years:

2015-16: \$133,425.11

2016-17: \$143,081.47

2017-18: \$107,974.91