Question on Notice No. 1645 Asked on 17 October 2019

Mr R Molhoek asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise the total remuneration package being paid to Mr Ian Stewart to undertake bushfire recovery efforts, including the term length of the contract and the level of administrative support provided to Mr Stewart?

ANSWER:

As State Recovery Coordinator (SRC) for the Southern Queensland Bushfires, Mr Ian Stewart's contract is for a three-month term from 18 September to 20 December 2019, with an optional three-month extension to 20 March 2020.

The total remuneration package for the three months is \$56,128, with no payment being made for any period the SRC is on leave.

Since his appointment, Mr Stewart has met with impacted local governments, residents, businesses and producers, frontline services, other state government agencies and charity bodies.

He has seen first-hand the impact of these fires on these communities and is working with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) and councils to develop recovery priorities and deliver recovery assistance.

QRA Recovery and Regional Liaison Officers continue to provide specialist technical, reconstruction and recovery advice to impacted local governments.

QRA administrative support is being provided to the SRC as part of business-as-usual activities.