

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1834

asked on Tuesday, 26 November 2019

MR A POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the employment of Patrick Condren to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority—

Will the Minister advise (a) was his appointment the subject of an open process, (b) what was the total salary received and (c) what was the period of his employment?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) that Condren Media was contracted by the QRA to provide communications advice to the State Recovery Coordinator Major-General (retired) Stuart Smith from 13 February 2019 to 13 May 2019.

I am advised by the CEO that the QRA made the decision to enter into a contract with Condren Media independently, based on the QRA's assessment of Mr Patrick Condren's skills and experience. As the Minister responsible for the QRA, I am not involved in contracting or employing QRA staff below the level of CEO and, accordingly, I had no involvement in this decision.

I am advised by the CEO that the contract process fully complied with the State Procurement Policy for contractors. I am advised that the engagement occurred before Mr Condren was a candidate for any political office. I understand that Mr Condren was not, at the time, a member of any political party. I am further advised that Condren Media performed the contract to the satisfaction of the QRA.

Relevant details, including contract value, sought by the honourable member are published by the Department of Housing and Public Works as part of the Queensland Contracts Directory.