

Question on Notice

No. 186

Asked on 26 February 2019

MR J KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON S FENTIMAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for the past three financial years the total annual amount of expenditure relating to conferences, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses by Jobs Queensland (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

Government departments only host conferences and workshops, or public servants attend such events, in accordance with departmental approval processes. The Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service also applies 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.

Jobs Queensland was established on 4 January 2016. I am advised that Jobs Queensland expended the following amounts over the past three years on hosting conferences, workshops and meetings as well as staff attending other conferences and workshops:

- 2016-17 – \$48,126.03
- 2017-18 – \$51,999.82
- 2018-19 – \$31,384.18 (YTD)

These figures include expenditure relating to hospitality expenses and venue hire for significant industry and employer engagement that is critical to Jobs Queensland functions.

That engagement has helped Jobs Queensland produce research and reports including, The Fraser Coast Workforce Blueprint, 13 Regional Tourism Workforce Plans, Ipswich Manufacturing Workforce Project, research on how the NDIS workforce can be supported through traineeships as well as significant research on the future of work helping to guide our vocational education and training investment.