

Question on Notice

No. 505

Asked on 3 April 2019

MS A LEAHY asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON S HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

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.

The Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural was established on 12 December 2017, however the effective date for financial reporting purposes was 1 January 2018. I am advised that the Department expended \$36,583 relating to conferences, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses in 2017–18 (1 January 2018 – 30 June 2018).