

Question on Notice

No. 552

Asked on Thursday 4 April 2019

MR T MANDER ASKED MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON C O'ROURKE)

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

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 Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (DCDSS) was established on 12 December 2017. I am advised that DCDSS expended \$147,957.04 relating to conferences, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses in 2017-18 (12 December 2017 – 30 June 2018).