

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 18 February 2020

MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recently commissioned and released mine safety reports—

Will the minister outline (a) the total cost of the report handed down by Dr Brady, (b) the total cost of the two UQ reports and (c) any other costs incurred by the department in association with producing and facilitating these reports?

ANSWER:

Dr Sean Brady's review explored the causes behind the loss of 47 lives and 589 serious accidents that have occurred in the Queensland mining and quarrying industries over the past 20 years—the true cost of failed safety controls that necessitated this work.

- (a) The cost of the report delivered by Dr Brady (including research, processing and analysis of data over a 12-month period; and drafting and publishing the written report) totals \$337,121.86 (excluding GST).
- (b) The cost of the two independent expert legal assessments of the legislative frameworks undertaken by the University of Queensland were \$63,400 (excluding GST) for the Coal Mining Safety and Health Committee and \$79,200 (excluding GST) for the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Committee.
- (c) Other costs associated with producing and facilitating the reports—such as costs associated with the assembly and provision of data to Dr Brady and the university, and preparing and printing the reports for publication and tabling in Parliament were absorbed in the operating budgets of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy or the Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health.