

Question on Notice
No. 817
Asked on 11 August 2020

Mr S Bennett asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to all departments and agencies under the Premier's responsibility—

Will the Premier advise (a) the number of functions held in 2019-20 where alcohol was provided to attendees at taxpayer expense and (b) the value of alcohol provided at taxpayer expense?

ANSWER:

In response to the member's question, I am advised by the Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet that the information for 2019-20 is as follows:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) held 20 functions at which alcohol was served, at a total expense for alcohol of \$14,909. The Office of the Governor held 60 functions at which alcohol was served, at a total expense for alcohol of \$16,042. The Public Service Commission, the Queensland Audit Office, the Queensland Integrity Commissioner did not hold any functions at which alcohol was served. Screen Queensland held 6 functions at which alcohol was served, at a total expense for alcohol of \$6,219. Trade and Investment Queensland held 13 functions at which alcohol was served, at a total expense for alcohol of \$22,768.

Alcohol is only provided at functions hosted by entities within the ministerial portfolio where it is deemed appropriate to the circumstances.

This may include a reception hosted for a foreign dignitary where the expense was met by DPC; investiture ceremonies for Australian Honours and Awards, including Bravery Awards, hosted by His Excellency the Governor at Government House; an event held by TIQ with a view to connecting Queensland sellers with overseas buyers or to connect potential overseas investors with Queensland project opportunities; or an event held by SQ to foster networks and build connections with producers that SQ wants to attract to Queensland.