

Question on Notice
No. 1276
Asked on 26 October 2021

Mr R Stevens asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise all catering and hospitality expenses relating to the Department of Premier and Cabinet from the beginning of FY 2021-22 to date (reported separately by category of expense)?

ANSWER:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet manages many events and official protocol functions on behalf of the Queensland Government.

These functions provide the Government the opportunity to honour foreign dignitaries, recognise our largest trading partners and provide networking opportunities for the State's senior business and community leaders. They also enable Government to engage with Queenslanders at and recognise excellence within government and across Queensland communities.

Events supported by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in recent years have included functions for Regional Forums and Community Cabinets, White Ribbon Day, Australian of the Year, Queensland Greats, the Premier's Awards for Excellence, International Women's Day and the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council.

I am advised that a total of \$125,432.62 has been incurred for catering and hospitality in the 2021-22 financial year to 31 October 2021 for 25 events conducted by the department.

The cost of venue hire was \$54,738.98, with entertainment (non-employee) costing \$43,894.76. The cost of entertainment (employee and associates) was \$10,824.51. Refreshments and light meals cost \$15,974.37.