

Question on Notice
No. 644
Asked on 25 May 2021

Mr J Bleijie asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise how many people are employed in the Premiers office or DPC, with respect to media, public relations, and social media (reported separately by employment position, role and responsibilities, salary level and whether they are employed in the Premier's ministerial office or the department)?

ANSWER:

The role of media staff across government (and in the opposition office) is to ensure the media and the public have access to timely and accurate information both through mainstream media and social media.

This has never been more important than during the global coronavirus pandemic.

Providing access to timely and accurate information continues to be important as we deliver Queensland's plan for economic recovery.

At the height of the pandemic, I conducted daily press conferences with the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young, and answered dozens of media queries regarding the pandemic each week, to ensure Queenslanders remain safe.

At the same time, media organisations and the public expected answers about the ongoing business of government and continue to expect that information.

Communication with Queenslanders is a core duty of any Queensland Government.

There are a total of 9.8 FTEs in the Premier's office to assist in communicating timely and accurate information to the public and eight within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Salaries range from A05 to SES level.