

**Question on Notice
No. 1177
Asked on 27 October 2022**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 817 of 2020—

Will the Premier advise (a) the number of functions held in 2020-21 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 Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) that the information for 2020-21, for the entities that are within my current ministerial portfolio, is as follows.

DPC held 18 functions at which alcohol was served. At four of these functions, it is not possible to quantify the expense for alcohol as a breakdown of beverages served between soft drinks and alcohol was not provided to DPC by the vendor. The total expense for alcohol at the other 14 functions was \$12,922. The Office of the Governor held 96 functions (85 at Government House and 11 in regional Queensland) at which alcohol was served, at a total expense of \$14,699. Screen Queensland (SQ) held one function at which alcohol was served, at a total expense of \$626. The Public Service Commission, the Queensland Audit Office and the Queensland Integrity Commissioner did not hold any functions at which alcohol was served.

As outlined in my answer to Question on Notice No. 817 of 2020, alcohol is only provided at functions hosted by entities within my ministerial portfolio where it is deemed appropriate to the circumstances.

This includes functions hosted for hundreds of people where the expense was met by DPC, such as Chinese New Year celebrations, International Women's Day reception and Reconciliation Awards; ceremonies hosted by the Governor of Queensland at Government House; or a function held by SQ to foster networks and build connections with producers that SQ wants to attract to Queensland.