

Question on Notice

No. 1314

Asked on 25 October 2023

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the total costs of the Seniors' Forum on 5 October 2023 including (a) hosting and venue costs, (b) live stream costs and (c) costs for keynote speaker Bernard Salt AM (flights, accommodation, ancillary staff, presentation cost)?

ANSWER

Almost 20 per cent of Queenslanders are aged over 65, making Seniors Month an important time for people across all generations to engage with issues impacting seniors now and into the future.

The signature event of this year's Seniors Month was the Seniors Forum, a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Queensland.

Over 200 people attended the Seniors Forum in person and over 500 registered online from around the state to join the livestream to hear from experts and discuss what matters to older people in Queensland.

A highlight of the forum was a presentation by renowned demographer Mr Bernard Salt AM, who examined and explained the key demographic changes affecting Queensland's seniors, as well as future trends.

COTA Queensland has been contracted by the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services to organise and jointly host the Seniors Month Forum and five other regional events.

Costs to host the Seniors Forum included (a) hosting and venue costs at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre: \$27,279 (excl GST); (b) livestream costs: \$2,135 (excl GST); and (c) Mr Salt's fee for presentation and travel/accommodation: \$13,848 (excl GST).