Question on Notice No. 868 Asked on 16 June 2023

Mr D Crisafulli asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Office for Rural and Regional Queensland—

Will the Premier advise (a) the street address for each of the offices (or the street address where staff attend for work in cities without an established office), (b) the number of staff (FTE and headcount) at each location and (c) dates that the Premier has attended each office location?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet as follows.

The Office for Rural and Regional Queensland (ORRQ) has officers based in Brisbane and in seven regional offices across the state. The Premier has committed to opening an Office of the Premier in Townsville. DPC has staff employed in regional centres across seven locations to service the regions, co-located with other government departments in those regions.

As at 16 June 2023, offices are located (with staffing numbers) in Far North Queensland in Cairns (2 FTE); North and North West Queensland in Townsville (1 FTE); Mackay Isaac Whitsunday in Mackay (1 FTE); Western Queensland in Longreach (1 FTE); Central Queensland in Rockhampton (3 FTE); Wide Bay Burnett Fraser Coast in Maryborough (2 FTE); Darling Downs South West Queensland in Toowoomba (1 FTE); and Brisbane (6 FTE).

Ministers and I regularly travel extensively throughout Queensland and support is provided in the regions to them and senior public servants by ORRQ regional officers as needed. All travel is detailed in the published ministerial diary extracts diary, which are available at https://cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers-portfolios/annastacia-palaszczuk.aspx.