

Question on Notice
No. 973
Asked on 24 August 2023

Ms A Leahy asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise the number of FTEs and any travel and accommodation costs involved with the staff tasked to the Queensland cross border collaboration for the last six years (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER:

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

In Queensland, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, through the Intergovernmental Relations team, coordinates and maintains cross-border relationships with other state governments.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Office for Rural and Regional Queensland also maintains a regional presence in the Darling Downs South West region with one FTE based in Toowoomba. This Principal Stakeholder Relationships Officer builds and maintains relationships across the region including with local government representatives, industry and community.

Day to day cross-border activities and collaboration is led by relevant Queensland Government agencies. Each year, senior officers from Queensland Government agencies attend cross-border local government meetings and workshops and engage in informal discussions as required to consider and resolve cross-border issues. This engagement approach ensures Queensland is well represented in discussions in relation to border communities and all Queensland portfolio agencies are responsive to the needs of residents in border communities.

As cross border collaboration is undertaken by multiple Queensland Government agencies, as part of their day-to-day business operations, it is not possible to advise a specific number of FTEs and the associated travel and accommodation costs for the staff involved.