

Question on Notice
No. 245
Asked on 2 March 2006

MR LINGARD asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION:

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding expended at the discretion of the Minister or Chief Executive Officer for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately) –

- 1) Will he provide details of all items of expenditure from such a fund/s including
 - a. the reason for expenditure;
 - b. total amount of expenditure on each occasion;
 - c. the date that each item of expenditure was approved; and
 - d. the person/s responsible for approval of expenditure.
- 2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?

ANSWER:

1)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Emergency Services (DES) expends funds from the reserve. Details of this expenditure is outlined in the accompanying table.

2)

The uncommitted balance is \$47,979.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**Attachment One****Expenditure from the Director General's Reserve****Response to Question on Notice 245 (1) a, b, c and, d****2003/04**

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Research funding - health costs of intentional disasters	Funding support for Emergency Management Australia (EMA) research grant to examine the health costs of intentional disasters.	\$ 7,500	13/03/2003	Director-General
Women's Reference Group Project Officer	Contribution towards the cost of a Project Officer to progress Women's Reference Group issues.	\$ 10,000	17/07/2003	Director-General
Indigenous Australian Service Delivery Enhancement Package	Contribution towards the DES Indigenous Australian Service Delivery Enhancement Package.	\$ 24,302	17/09/2003	Director-General
Coen - Repeater site	Establishment of a repeater site at Coen.	\$ 5,000	20/06/2003	Director-General
Weipa – Communications equipment	Satellite phone and radio communication equipment at Weipa.	\$ 5,000	20/06/2003	Director-General

2003/04

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Palm Island helipad – windsock and lighting	Contribution towards Palm Island helipad windsock and lighting.	\$ 7,500	20/06/2003	Director-General
Palm Island helipad fence	Contribution towards construction of fence around helipad on Palm Island.	\$ 17,777	09/12/2003	Director-General
Mornington Island State Emergency Service (SES) Shed	Contribution to Mornington Island State Emergency Service (SES) Shed.	\$ 25,000	20/06/2003	Director-General
Yeppoon State Emergency Service (SES) Shed	Contribution for Yeppoon State Emergency Service (SES) Shed.	\$ 10,000	20/06/2003	Director-General
Contribution to Surf Life Saving Queensland	Contribution to assist Surf Life Saving Queensland in meeting the increased cost of its public liability premium.	\$ 50,000	16/12/2003	Minister for Emergency Services
Contribution to Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland	Contribution to assist Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland in meeting the increased cost of its public liability premiums.	\$ 8,000	16/12/2003	Minister for Emergency Services
Contribution to Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association	Contribution to assist the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association in meeting the increased cost of its public liability premiums.	\$ 6,000	16/12/2003	Minister for Emergency Services

2003/04

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Palm Island Joint Emergency Services and Townsville Ambulance Station project	Contribution towards the Palm Island Joint Emergency Services and Townsville Ambulance Station project.	\$100,000	22/01/2004	Director-General
Community Safety, Building Safer Queensland educational material	Printing of educational material for Neighbourhood Watch Initiative.	\$ 50,000	15/03/2004	Director-General
Emergency Services Cadets	Funding provided for Emergency Services Cadets.	\$ 50,000	15/03/2004	Director-General
SES Mobility Program 2004	Contribution from all participating government agencies to allow exchanges for Senior Executive Service (SES) Officers.	\$ 34,000	13/11/2003	Director-General
Rural Road Crashes 2002-03 to 2006-07	Annual commitment to 5 year Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Study – program of “Research and intervention to reduce economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in North Qld.”	\$ 20,000	20/06/2002 with on-going commitment until 06/07	Director-General
Climate Change Research Project	Contribution towards CSIRO research consultancy – Climate Change Research Project (Department of Natural Resources and Mines).	\$ 13,636	07/05/2003	Director-General

2003/04

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Social Policy Research Project	Contribution towards Social Policy Research Project (Department of Premier and Cabinet).	\$ 10,026	08/01/2003	Director-General
Growing the Smart State Program	Contribution towards the Growing the Smart State program (Department of Premier and Cabinet).	\$ 10,000	16/12/2002	Minister for Emergency Services
Coen Homelands visit / CRAC and Justice Group meetings	Coen Homelands visit / Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation (CRAC) and Justice Group meetings.	\$ 2,273	29/07/2003	Director-General
Seminar sponsorship – Professor Herman B ‘Dutch’ Leonard	Sponsorship of Professor Herman B ‘Dutch’ Leonard seminar – August 2003.	\$ 2,000	07/08/2003	Director-General
Contribution to Place Project	Contribution towards the Place Project (Department of Premier and Cabinet).	\$ 15,000	20/06/2003	Director-General
Climate Change Project	Contribution to the Planning Institute of Australia for Climate Change Project - Sustainable Regional and Urban Communities Adapting to Climate Change.	\$ 15,000	02/04/2003	Director-General
“Building a Safer Queensland” Conference	Contribution towards hosting of the “Building a Safer Queensland” Conference.	\$ 5,649	08/10/2003	Director-General

2003/04

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Director General travel to Coen	Director General visit to Coen as Queensland Government Champion.	\$ 2,500	15/12/2003	Director-General
Counter Terrorism Officer	Funding provided for Counter Terrorism Officer to improve the ability of the Department to respond to and recover from potential terrorism-related incidents.	\$ 28,852	24/09/2003	Emergency Services Executive Management Team
Coen Computer Culture Project	Contribution provided to Tropical North Queensland TAFE for the Coen Computer Culture project.	\$ 10,000	15/03/2004	Director-General
Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation (CRAC)	Grant to Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation (CRAC).	\$ 4,501	01/06/2004	Director-General
Kedron Park Complex improvements	Installation of air conditioning units at the Emergency Services Kedron Park Complex.	\$ 27,967	16/03/2004	Director-General
TOTAL Expenditure 2003/04		\$577,483		

2004/05

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
SES Mobility Program	Contribution from all participating government agencies to allow exchanges for Senior Executive Service (SES) Officers.	\$ 34,150	13/11/2003	Director-General
Beenleigh Regional Office accommodation	All DES areas contributed to this project including this payment from the Director-General.	\$ 50,000	11/02/2005	Director-General
Vector Command simulation model	First of two payments towards a virtual training tool for use by all DES services.	\$ 55,000	06/06/2005	Director-General
Coen Rural Fire Shed	Government Champion responsibility for Director-General. This contribution allowed finalisation of the total project.	\$ 2,900	06/04/2005	Director-General
Staff - DG's office	AO3 position and on-costs.	\$ 19,541	02/12/2004	Director-General
Coen Basketball Court	Government Champion responsibility for Director-General.	\$ 41,000	09/11/2004	Director-General
Counter Terrorism Officer	Funding provided for Counter Terrorism Officer to improve the ability of the Department to respond to and recover from potential terrorism-related incidents.	\$ 15,287	08/03/2004	Director-General

2004/05

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Rural Road Crashes 2002-03 to 2006-07	Annual commitment to 5 year Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Study – program of “Research and intervention to reduce economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in North Qld.”	\$ 20,000	20/06/2002 with on-going commitment until 06/07	Director-General
2004 ANZSOG	Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) which DES and other government agencies support.	\$ 12,135	10/10/2004	Director-General
Ipswich Trauma Response Service	One off payment to this agency which offers counseling in cases of trauma and suicide.	\$ 1,500	17/12/2004	Director-General
Indigenous painting for DES foyer	To support Indigenous culture within DES.	\$ 2,909	31/03/2005	Director-General
Palm Island Young Nippers	In conjunction with Sport and Recreation and Surf Lifesaving Queensland to encourage Palm Island youngsters in healthy safe activities.	\$ 7,000	16/02/2005	Director-General
Climate Change research project	Ongoing CSIRO whole-of-government project contributed to by all agencies delivers Counter Disaster and Rescue Services information on impacts of climate change for potential disaster and mitigation management.	\$ 15,000	21/06/2005	Director-General

2004/05

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Engaging Communities Conference – registration fees	Coen representation at the International Conference on Engaging Communities.	\$1,545	01/04/2005	Director-General
TOTAL Expenditure 2004/05		\$277,967		

2005/06

Expenditure and commitments for the current financial year to 28 February 2006

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Community Safety Investment Fund contribution	Contribution to operational divisions to assist with funding pressures.	\$ 20,000	28/06/2005	Director-General
Vector Command simulation model	Virtual training tool for use by all DES services. Represents final payment.	\$ 55,000	06/06/2005	Director-General
Regional training and competitions for SES Volunteers	Provide for regional training and competitions for State Emergency Service (SES) Volunteers.	\$ 75,000	01/09/2005	Director-General
Indigenous Coordination Unit	Contribution towards funding of newly established Indigenous Coordination Unit.	\$ 15,000	29/06/2005	Director-General
Communications Equipment for State Emergency Service (SES) Volunteers	Provides for the purchase of hand held communications equipment, radios and GPS equipment for State Emergency Service (SES) Volunteers involved in the Moreton Island rescue.	\$ 10,000	03/07/2005	Director-General
DES Interchange Officer, Cape York Strategy Unit	Fund the salary of DES Interchange Officer, Cape York Strategy Unit, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (DATSIP).	\$ 82,505	08/09/2005	Director-General

2005/06

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Severance Payments	Counter Disaster and Rescue Services Severance Payments.	\$166,363	02/09/2005	Director-General
Child Injury Prevention Project	Contribution towards the Child Injury Prevention Project for 2005-06 – Mackay and Mount Isa pilot.	\$185,270	19/08/2005	Director-General
2005 ANZSOG Premiers Scholarships	Contribution towards the 2005 ANZSOG Premiers Scholarships (Executive Masters of Public Administration).	\$ 11,921	08/08/2005	Director-General
Rural Road Crashes 2002-03 to 2006-07	Annual commitment to 5 year QUT Study – program of “Research and intervention to reduce economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in North Qld.”	\$ 20,000	20/06/2002 with on-going commitment until 06/07	Director-General
Engaging Communities Conference – travel and accommodation	Coen representation at the International Conference on Engaging Communities – August 2005.	\$ 1,995	01/04/2005	Director-General
Cairns-Coen travel – Negotiating Table meeting	Cairns-Coen travel costs associated with the Negotiating Table meeting in Coen held 22-23 September 2005.	\$ 12,181	18/09/2005	Director-General
Contribution towards SOBIN whole-of-Government Quality Conference	Contribution towards Senior Officers Business Improvement Network (SOBIN) Conference.	\$ 5,455	20/02/2004	Director-General

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Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy (QCESA) initial project costs	Wages July to October 2005.	\$ 10,877	30/11/2005	Director-General
TOTAL Expenditure to date		\$671,567		

Other Commitments

Contribution towards SOBIN whole-of-Government Quality Conference	Contribution towards Senior Officers Business Improvement Network (SOBIN) Conference.	\$ 9,545	20/02/2004	Director-General
Basic Life Support Training – Mt Isa Foster Carers	Fund the provision of basic first aid training for up to 33 Mt Isa Foster Carers.	\$ 2,409	21/12/2005	Director-General
Staff Development	Counter Disaster and Rescue Services Staff Development.	\$100,000	02/09/2005	Director-General
Child Injury Prevention – Statewide Communication Campaign	Contribution towards the Child Injury Prevention – Statewide Communication Campaign.	\$ 50,000	01/12/2005	Director-General
Charleville Fire Station Minor Works	Contribution towards the cost of concreting the driveway and external area of the fire station and training room.	\$ 10,000	22/11/2005	Director-General

2005/06

Item of expenditure	Reason	\$	Approval date	Approving person
Queensland Government Skills Expo	Contribution towards the Queensland Government Skills Expo 2006 – interstate recruitment drive to address skills shortage affecting Queensland employers.	\$ 10,000	06/12/2005	Director-General
Queensland Fire and Rescue Services Amateur Golf Day trophies	Contribution towards the cost of providing trophies for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Services Amateur Golf Day.	\$ 500	16/02/2006	Director-General
Total Commitments		\$182,454		
Uncommitted Balance		\$47,979		