

Question on Notice

No. 268

Asked on Tuesday 19 May 2009

MR HORAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to departmental accommodation that is rented or leased within Brisbane, Logan, Redlands, Gold Coast and Moreton Bay Council areas—

Will the Minister outline the total annual cost to her department for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (to date) and the cost per square metre for each currently rented or leased location (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The Accommodation Office of the Department of Public Works manages private sector leasing arrangements for office space on behalf of government agencies. The tables below are based on information held by the Accommodation Office and reflect only those payments to and rental/leasing arrangements between the Department of Public Works and the private sector.

As the figures below indicate, Queensland Transport has been growing to meet the needs of a growing region. Increased accommodation costs below mainly relate to:

- * new customer service centre at Burleigh Heads
- * new customer service centre at Currumbin Waters
- * new customer service centre at Helensvale
- * a new site for the Beenleigh customer service centre
- * two new regional offices, one at Nundah and one at Stones Corner

These new offices demonstrate the government's commitment to boost frontline services. I am sure the Honourable Member's colleagues, the Members for Currumbin and Coomera, would agree new customer service centres at Currumbin Waters and Helensvale respectively are a worthwhile investment to improve services for their constituents.

The total annual costs for rented and leased accommodation within the Brisbane, Logan, Redlands, Gold Coast and Moreton Bay council areas for the Department of Transport are:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Annual Cost (million)</i>
2004-05	\$3.58
2005-06	\$4.35
2006-07	\$5.98
2007-08	\$9.65
2008-09	\$19.09

The current cost per square metre for each current location is:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Cost per Square Metre</i>
Beenleigh 22 Kent Street Main Plaza Shop Centre	\$308
Beenleigh 31 Logan River Road	\$226
Brisbane 229 Elizabeth Street	\$554
Brisbane 85 George Street Capital Hill	\$406
Brisbane 140 Creek Street Terrica Place	\$755
Brisbane 420 George Street	\$426
Burleigh 1 Santa Maria Court Bermuda Burleigh Home Space	\$316
Caboolture Piper Street	\$275
Chermside 766 Gympie Road Chermside Gardens	\$318
Cleveland Bloomfield Street and Ross Court Homemakers Court	\$178
Currumbin Waters Lot 3 109 Currumbin Waters	\$293
Dunwich Stradbroke Island 5 Ballow Road	\$286
Fortitude Valley Brunswick Street Transport House	\$265
Greenslopes 700 Logan Road Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre	\$321
Helensvale Plaza 12 Sir John Overall Drive	\$329
Herston Unit 9 49 Butterfield Street	\$219
Kippa-Ring Beach and Bingle Street	\$337
MacGregor Kessels Court 567 Kessels Road	\$261
Milton 50 Macdougall Street Hogg Lawson Building	\$331
Nundah 1176 Sandgate Road	\$400
Sherwood 14 Primrose Street	\$436
Spring Hill 385 St Pauls Terrace	\$325
Spring Hill 400 Boundary Street	\$495
Spring Hill 170 Leichardt Street Oxygen Building	\$287
Stones Corner 441 Logan Road	\$399
Strathpine 43 Bells Pocket Road	\$312

<i>Location</i>	<i>Cost per Square Metre</i>
Wynnum 139 Tingal Road Davies Building	\$255

Notes

1. A previous Question on Notice, refer No. 1033 asked on 7 June 2006, provided rental and leasing costs for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 for the Transport and Main Roads portfolio.
2. The information, based on portfolios as at 1 March 2009, uses the Local Authority Region data from the Department of Public Works for office space and other operational facilities leased from the private sector (excluding residential premises). Costs exclude GST.
3. The total costs include the following items processed by the Accommodation Office – management fee, car park rent, some electricity, mail screening, cleaning, amortised amounts, security, storeroom rent, after-hours air conditioning charges and outgoings over a base year.
4. The total costs are based on face rents and do not take into account any incentives made available to government tenants, as these would be regarded as commercial in confidence.
5. There have been significant changes to the property profile over the last number of years, coupled with rent fluctuations.
6. The total annual costs for 2008-09 also include TransLink costings.