

Question on Notice

No. 329

Asked on 21 May 2009

MR CRANDON asked the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships (MS BOYLE) -

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.

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 Local Government, Sport and Recreation are:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Annual Cost (million)</i>
2004-05	Note 1
2005-06	Note 1
2006-07	\$0.95
2007-08	\$0.87
2008-09	\$0.36

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

<i>Location</i>	<i>Cost per Square Metre</i>
Beenleigh 58 Manila Street	\$ 333
Kedron 457 Gympie Road	\$ 379

Notes

1. A previous Question on Notice, refer No. 1032 asked on 8 June 2006, provided rental and leasing costs for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 based on the regional boundaries at that time. While the regional boundaries have altered, it is not proposed to provide this information again.
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 current cost per square metre for each current location is based on face rents and does not take into account any incentives made available to government tenants, as these would be regarded as commercial in confidence.