

**Question on Notice
No. 333
Asked on 21 May 2009**

MR RICKUSS asked the Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading (MR LAWLOR) -

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 his 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 Tourism, Regional Development and Industry are:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Annual Cost (Million)</i>
2004-05	\$1.09
2005-06	\$1.07
2006-07	\$1.17
2007-08	\$1.44
2008-09	\$1.14

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

<i>Location</i>	<i>Cost per Square Metre</i>
Aspley 825 Zillmere Road Homebase Centre	\$ 364
Caboolture 33 King Street	\$ 327
Southport 26 Marine Parade Connaught Centre	\$ 333
Spring Hill 400 Boundary Street	\$ 424
Spring Hill 60 Leichhardt Street	\$ 453
Springwood 6 Paxton Street	\$ 411

Notes

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.