

Cost of Public Support for Former Office Holders

Actual expenditure for FY2017/18 and FY2018/19

The Department of Premier and Cabinet usually publishes the cost of public support for former office holders on its website every six months. For 2018/19, the first half-year publication was deferred during the caretaker period and then cancelled in favour of one full-year publication. In May 2012, changes were announced to the public support provided to former office holders, which has resulted in significant savings. The cost of public support for former office holders in the year prior to the announcement was \$1,600,000.

Item	Financial year	Unsworth	Greiner	Fahey	Carr	Bashir	Former Governors*	Total
Staff salaries	2017/18	0	140,049	0	120,141	141,527	0	401,717
	2018/19	0	130,499	0	132,960	-10,559	0	252,900
Office rent	2017/18	0	207,917	0	178,654	63,182	0	449,754
	2018/19	0	191,389	0	199,988	0	0	391,377
Car transport	2017/18	30	0	19,557	2,415	7,420	452	29,874
	2018/19	86	94	19,447	3,440	7,055	163	30,285
Telephones	2017/18	0	4,858	824	7,760	516	0	13,959
	2018/19	0	3,986	444	6,871	-34	0	11,267
Other office costs	2017/18	0	3,997	0	5,577	5,992	0	15,567
	2018/19	0	5,107		2,998	507	0	8,611
Total	2017/18	30	356,822	20,381	314,548	218,637	452	910,870
	2018/19	86	331,075	19,891	346,256	-3,031	163	694,439

*Excluding former Governor Bashir

Notes:

- (a) Some costs incurred during FY2017/18 were not brought to account until FY2018/19 and are included in the later figures.
- (b) "Staff salaries" includes salaries, pay-roll tax, employer superannuation contributions and other salary related on-costs (e.g., allowance payments). Also includes costs for contractors replacing staff on leave.
- (c) "Office rent" includes costs for rent, electricity, cleaning, car parking, outgoings and other accommodation related costs (e.g., office repairs, maintenance charges).
- (d) "Car transport" includes allowances and overtime claimed by drivers, and certain car hire, lease and maintenance costs.
- (e) "Other office costs" includes items such as postage, computer expenses, newspapers/magazines, photocopier charges, stationery, office equipment, office staff training, and costs for artworks on loan.
- (g) Minor credits and negative amounts are factored into the financial year when they were recorded.
- (i) The items "Drivers' salaries" and "Travel", reported previously, have been deleted from this report as these forms of public support were not provided.