

Cost of Public Support for Former Office Holders

Actual expenditure for fiscal years 2015/16 and year to date 2016/17

The Department of Premier and Cabinet publishes the cost of public support for former office holders on its website every six months.

In May 2012 changes were announced to the public support provided to former office holders which has resulted in significant savings. The cost of former office holder support in the year prior to the announcement was \$1,600,000.

Former Office Holder	Period	Staff Salaries	Drivers' Salaries	Office Rent	Car Transport	Telephones	Other Office Costs	Travel	Total
Greiner	FY 2015/16	139,208	0	152,529	436	3,928	6,538	0	302,638
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	62,091	0	86,375	60	1,863	835	0	151,224
Fahey	FY 2015/16	0	0	0	23,877	364	0	0	24,241
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	0	0	0	8,793	39	0	0	8,833
Carr	FY 2015/16	128,757	0	172,016	5,287	12,401	5,103	0	323,564
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	61,910	0	83,265	1,913	4,562	1,383	0	153,033
Unsworth	FY 2015/16	0	0	0	535	0	0	0	535
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	0	0	0	728	0	0	0	728
Former Governors (excluding Bashir)	FY 2015/16	0	0	0	1,078	0	0	0	1,078
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	0	0	0	590	0	0	0	590
Bashir	FY 2015/16	120,433	133,347	198,216	37,403	1,575	4,143	1,118	496,234
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	102,185	64,814	97,111	12,002	623	1,589	0	278,324
Total	FY 2015/16	388,398	133,347	522,761	68,615	18,268	15,784	1,118	1,148,290
	YTD 2016/17 (as at 31 Dec)	226,186	64,814	266,751	24,087	7,088	3,806	0	592,731

Notes

(a) Professor Bashir's FY 2016/17 cost for "Staff Salaries" is inflated by \$23,860 due to a payroll error. The corrected figure will be shown in the next report.

(b) Mr Greiner pays a rental contribution of \$23,000, indexed per CPI. Expenditure for FY 2015/16 has been reduced by his rental contribution. The figure for FY 2016/17 does not include Mr Greiner's rental contribution yet, which he pays at the end of each FY.

(c) Some costs incurred during FY 2015/16 were not brought to account until FY 2016/17 and are therefore included in the later figures.

(d) "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.

(e) "Office Rent" includes costs for rent, electricity, cleaning, car parking, outgoings, and other accommodation related costs (e.g. office repairs and maintenance charges).

(f) "Drivers Salaries" includes salaries, pay-roll tax, employer superannuation contributions and other salary related on-costs for a designated driver.

(g) "Car Transport" includes the cost of vehicles and drivers' salaries as calculated by Transport Services' costing model, car hire costs (as replacement for pool vehicles), meal allowances and overtime claimed by drivers, and the costs for Mr Fahey's and Professor Bashir's vehicles (lease charges, fuel, repairs and maintenance, registration, toll charges (e-tags)).

(h) "Other Office Costs" includes such items as postage, computer expenses, newspapers/magazines, stationery and office equipment.

(i) "Former Governors" includes Lady Cutler, Lady Martin, and Rear Admiral Sinclair. It excludes costs for Professor Bashir. A separate cost centre had been established to capture costs relating to Professor Bashir.

(j) Professor Bashir retired as Governor of NSW on 01 October 2014. Figures are for her time as former Governor only, not for the costs incurred whilst she was still in office.

(k) Car and driver for Professor Bashir is provided on a full-time basis up to March 2017, and then car and driver upon request to/from official functions. Professor Bashir has offered to relocate to cheaper office accommodation, however, at this stage the Department has been unable to identify suitable options.

(l) Professor Carr reimbursed the Department for overseas mobile phone expenditure. The expenditure for "Telephones" has been reduced by these reimbursements.

The FY 2015/16 cost for "Staff Salaries" includes payout of recreation leave balances to the former Private Secretary.