



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Reference: Payroll Tax

Hearing: 21 July 2026

In relation to: Budget Process and Financial Reporting

Question received: 22 July 2026

Answer Due: 5 August 2026

Please provide a breakdown of:

- (1) How many entities paid payroll tax in 2024-2025;
- (2) How many entities paid payroll tax in 2025-2026;
- (3) How many entities are expected to pay payroll tax in 2026-2027; and
- (4) How many entities are expected to pay payroll tax in each of the forward years.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) 4,441 entities paid payroll tax in 2024-25.
- (2) 4,488 entities paid payroll tax in 2025-26.
- (3) No estimate is available as Treasury models payroll in aggregate, not by firm. For information on how Treasury forecasts Payroll Tax, please refer to the answer to the Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–27, QTON No.10.
- (4) See answer to question 3.

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Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chris Steel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

Date:

6/8/26