

8. Employee expenses

| | 2003 \$'000 | 2002 \$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries | 2,266,294 | 2,107,239 |
| Employer superannuation contributions | 224,558 | 203,540 |
| Long service leave levy | 33,996 | 31,603 |
| Other | 74,428 | 56,892 |
| | 2,599,276 | 2,399,273 |
| Number of Employees | 42,119 | 40,762 |

The number of employees includes both full-time and part-time employees measured on a full-time equivalent basis. Staffing numbers relating to the Mater Public Hospitals, which are funded as a grant by Queensland Health, are not included.

Chief Executive Remuneration

| Level | Superannuable Salary (\$ per annum) | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | Minimum \$ | Maximum \$ |
| CEO3 | 193,866 | 210,420 |

In addition to the base superannuable salary, the Chief Executive received a market allowance and is also eligible for a bonus, based on an assessment by the Premier and Minister for Trade. The total of such bonuses paid to the Chief Executives of all departments is published in the Annual Report of the Office of Public Service Merit and Equity.

The superannuable salary does not include industry and like allowances, leave loading and fringe benefits such as private use of a motor vehicle and employer superannuation contributions.

9. Supplies and services

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|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Consultants and contractors | 58,974 | 51,771 |
| Electricity and other energy | 35,125 | 33,208 |
| Travel | 18,829 | 17,278 |
| Patient travel | 25,072 | 22,040 |
| Water | 4,497 | 4,272 |
| Building services | 7,588 | 8,157 |
| Computer services | 36,363 | 34,051 |
| Motor vehicles | 6,384 | 6,107 |
| Communications | 32,193 | 30,549 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 73,186 | 68,884 |
| Expenses relating to capital works | 16,966 | 17,707 |
| Drugs | 182,048 | 153,183 |
| Clinical supplies | 240,211 | 230,131 |
| Catering and domestic supplies | 83,860 | 82,117 |
| Other | 27,228 | 26,364 |
| | 848,524 | 785,819 |