



Answers to Questions on Notice

R05 Board for Christian Formation

Statement on Ministry of Deacon Formation:

Trinity College Queensland (TCQ) forms candidates for the two ordinations within the UCA through general and particular pathways, outlined in the [Phase 2 formation handbook](#). In the foundation 1 stage of formation Deacon candidates engage in accredited units of study, short courses and workshops alongside MOW candidates. The foundation 2 stage affords Deacon candidates opportunity to engage in a 12-month ministry practicum. This aims to provide a particular formation pathway that shapes the skills and understanding of Deacon candidates. The transition stage requires all Deacon candidates to attend the national Deacon conference.

There is an unwavering commitment by TCQ to the formation of candidates for the ministry of Deacon. We wholeheartedly applaud the recent Assembly meeting for reaffirming the ordination of Deacons and note the commitment at the meeting to continue the conversation with theological colleges around the best ways to form people for the ministry of Deacon today.

R04 Finance Investment & Property Board

Response to request for detailed information on costs of complaints/discipline:

A question following the FIP Board presentation requested information on the cost of complaints/discipline.

The audited financial statements for the Synod office for the year ended 30 June 2021 are included in the reports on the website. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. One of the reasons for this basis of preparation is so that it can be compared with other organisation results – which are prepared on the same basis.

The comparable information- relating to the question – is disclosed as Legal Expenses – under note 3i – as part of Other Expenditure

Year ended 30 June 2021 \$584k

Year ended 30 June 2020 \$541k

However, it should be noted that Legal Expenses include costs relating to all legal matters – rather than just complaints and discipline. The request made is for information that is more detailed than is collected for disclosure in the financial statements. The request for detailed information on costs directly associated with all complaints and discipline matters can be collated over the next month and provided to the Synod Standing Committee for its oversight and review.