

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report No. 51 on the Property Occupations Bill 2013

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 20 November 2013, the Property Occupations Bill 2013 (the Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Assembly.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) with a report back date of 24 February 2014.

On 24 February 2014, the Committee tabled Report No. 51 in relation to the Bill (the Report).

The Queensland Government's response to the Report's recommendations is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its timely and detailed consideration of the Bill.

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the Property Occupations Bill 2013 be passed.

Queensland Government response

Noted.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice clarify whether it is intended for an auctioneer, in the course of conducting an auction, to be in breach of the provisions if they announce a property is 'on the market' or similar - after the reserve price has been reached.

Queensland Government response

It is not intended for an auctioneer to be in breach of the provisions if, during the course of an auction, they announce a property is 'on the market', or similar, once the reserve price has been reached.

As such, it is intended that amendments will be moved during the Parliament's consideration in detail of the Bill to clarify the operation of the legislation in this respect and to address minor drafting errors that have been identified in the Bill by the Committee.