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**Pre-hearing questions on notice and responses –**  
***Speaker of the Legislative Assembly***

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*Parliamentary Service*

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**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**  
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**QUESTION 1**

**The SDS makes reference to the continued implementation of the Parliamentary Service COVID Response Plan and Parliament House COVID-Safe Plan. Could you outline the impacts of COVID-19 on the normal operations of the Parliament and actions taken to help manage these impacts?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE****COVID-19 Response Plan**

In response to the emerging coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, on 12 March 2020 the Speaker approved the Parliamentary Service COVID-19 Response Plan. This Plan formed part of the Parliamentary Service Risk Management and Business Continuity Framework and established formal processes and procedures to govern the Parliamentary Service's response to the health risks associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of the plan was to ensure that a structured and organised approach was adopted to develop, deliver and communicate decisions and strategies about the eventual local outbreak of COVID-19.

The Plan identifies key strategies to address specific risks posed at different stages by the COVID-19 virus to:

- Members and Parliamentary Service employees
- public guests to the Parliament, and
- the ability to continue delivery of critical services to clients.

Shortly after the Plan was approved, the Clerk delivered a number of information sessions for precinct staff to explain the planned response. In addition, a wide range of online resources were developed and published to assist and inform staff.

**Key Impacts of COVID-19**

Specific impacts of COVID-19 on the normal operations of the Parliamentary Service included:

- restrictions on public access to the parliamentary precinct and electorate offices
- suspension of various public events and activities including catered functions, public and school tours, and education seminars
- establishing revised hygiene and social distancing protocols for work areas in the parliamentary precinct including the Legislative Assembly Chamber, and within electorate offices
- developing and testing contingency plans for establishing a 'virtual parliament' if required, and
- activating broad work from home arrangements for Parliamentary Service staff.

The uncertain nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and rapidly changing health responses and advice required that a number of strategies and changes be developed and implemented with relatively short notice. For example:

- from 13 March 2020, the Service started to implement remote work for staff not directly servicing the Assembly and its Committees;
- from 16 March 2020 public access to the precinct was significantly reduced;
- on 18 March 2020, advice was provided to Members and electorate staff regarding the general operation of electorate offices, particularly regarding public access to the offices and arrangements for vulnerable staff;
- by 23 March 2020 access to the precinct was limited to pass holders and most staff were working remotely. For electorate offices, the Speaker and Clerk directed that electorate offices be closed to physical access by the public and that constituency enquiries and issues be handled by electorate officers via email or phone, to minimise personal contact with constituents.

To assist staff to work productively from home during the pandemic, a suite of IT related tools were deployed to ensure that staff could continue to access work files, collaborate and interact remotely.

### **Impacts of COVID19 on parliamentary proceedings**

For the Legislative Assembly the pandemic resulted in the suspension of most sittings of the Assembly and its Committees from 19 March 2020 to late May 2020. The Assembly sat for only one day during this period on 22 April 2020 to introduce and pass the Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020 and the COVID-19 Emergency Response Bill 2020. The pandemic meant that the published sitting calendar for the year was cancelled and re-issued.

When a revised sitting program was approved, sessional/standing orders were amended to accommodate the need for a reduced number of Members to sit in the House so that social distancing and hygiene protocols could be implemented.

### **COVID-19 Help Desk**

Whilst the Assembly was rarely sitting and Committees were rarely meeting from March through to June 2020, the demands from constituents for the services of electorate offices increased significantly. As a strategy to assist electorate staff with managing the high volume of COVID-19 related constituent enquiries, on 23 April 2020 the Service established a COVID-19 Research and Call Centre to assist with researching and drafting responses to constituent queries related to COVID-19. The service was operated by staff of the committee office with support from the Parliamentary Library



## **Return to COVID-Safe operations**

On 8 May 2020, revised restrictions for the operation of electorate offices came into operation which enabled physical public access to electorate offices. By 2 June 2020 electorate office restrictions were reduced again in line with the State-wide easing of restrictions.

For parliamentary precinct staff, return to work arrangements commenced in late May 2020, with the majority of staff returning to normal on-site work arrangements from early July 2020. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic all Parliamentary Service staff, both in the precinct and electorate offices, responded professionally and co-operatively to the necessary changes brought on by COVID-19. This approach contributed to the fact that the Parliamentary Service did not record a positive COVID-19 among any Members, electorate staff or precinct staff.

## **Parliament House COVID-Safe Plan**

The Parliamentary Service continues to respond to COVID-19 with the recommencement in July 2020 of public access to the precinct and electorate offices, and the resumption of school tours, catering and education events. To ensure that these activities can be offered safely, a Parliament House COVID-Safe Plan for the parliamentary precinct has been approved and published on the Parliament's website to provide visitors with information regarding necessary measures and changes to access where required.

**QUESTION 2**

**The SDS makes reference to a three year program to upgrade critical building infrastructure and services in the Parliamentary Annexe. Can the Speaker advise whether any energy conservation measures have been delivered within the parliamentary precinct?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE****Energy Management Initiatives**

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 Parliament Services entered into a long term electricity arrangement with CS Energy. The long term agreement has provided tariff stability and more cost competitive tariff rates since commencing in January 2019.

Over the last 18 months Property Services have invested in a number of energy saving initiatives. These initiatives have seen a reduction in the carbon footprint of the QLD Parliamentary Service.

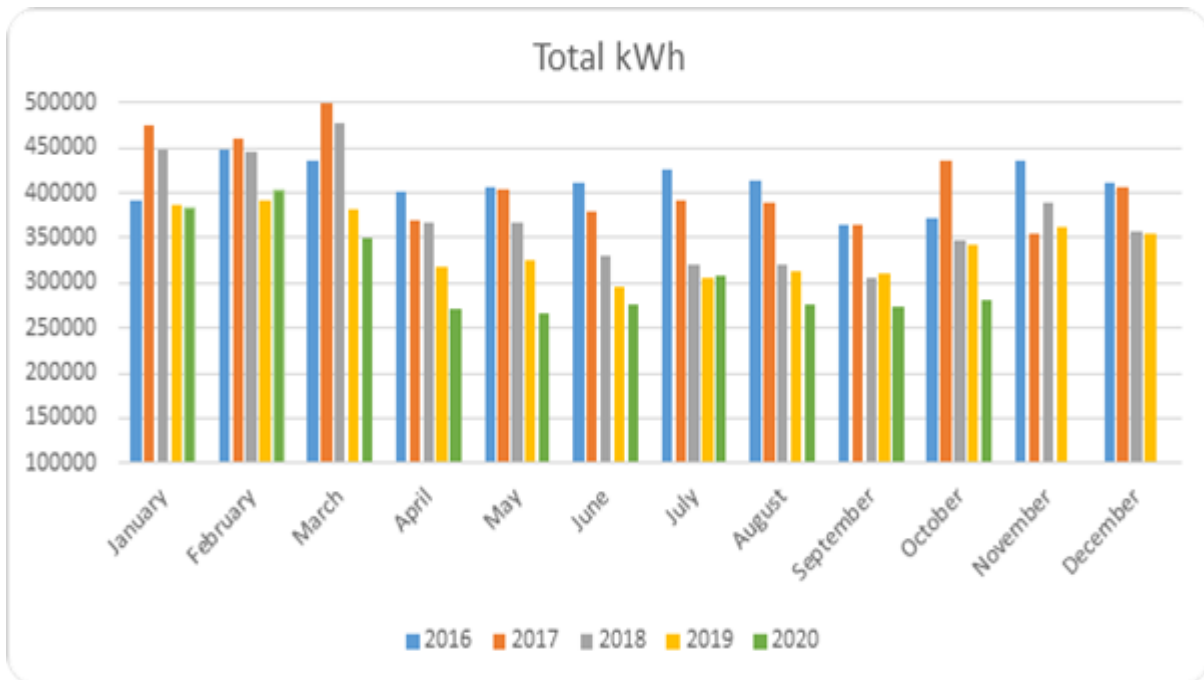
Specific energy conservation initiatives delivered to date include:

- a) Replacement of air conditioning Fan Coil Units  
This project included replacement of air conditioning units in 177 individual units located in Members' office and bedroom floors from level 9–22 in the Parliamentary Annexe. The improved fan coil in these units come complete with energy valves that will isolate the chilled water flow when the units are unoccupied taking the load off the chillers/pumps resulting in energy savings. In addition 'smart' variable fan speeds help to reduce running costs
  
- b) Installation of LED sensor lighting in car parks  
Traditional fluorescent light fittings have been replaced with existing fittings with LED battens and individual microwave motion sensing features.

Energy conservation works planned over the coming year include:

- Upgrade of Annexe bathroom lighting (levels 3-13) with LED sensor lighting;
- Replacement of level 3 and level 5 colonnade lighting with energy efficient LED options
- Replacement of external faced lighting used to illuminate Parliament House for light displays with energy efficient alternatives that offer superior quality display options.

The following table highlights the significant energy consumption reductions achieved by the Parliamentary Service over the past 4 years.



**QUESTION 3**

**The SDS refers to the objective of the Parliamentary Service to support the Legislative Assembly in fulfilling its functions within the institution of Parliament. Could the Speaker outline the steps taken in 2020 to deliver a virtual parliament if the COVID-19 threat had warranted members participating remotely?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE****Introduction**

- The Parliamentary Service proactively took a number of steps to ensure that parliamentary sittings could continue during the pandemic including the following measures:
  - a sound technical solution was developed to enable virtual sittings of the Queensland Parliament in case these were required;
  - amendments to sessional orders were drafted, just in case, to support potential virtual sittings;
  - changes were made to voting procedures; and
  - a COVID-safe seating plan was developed for the Legislative Assembly in conjunction with the Leader of the House, which the Speaker endorsed.

**Technical solution provided to enable a virtual parliament**

- Over a five week period from early April, (1 April – 8 May 2020) the Parliamentary Service:
  - Established the Undumbi Room in the Parliamentary Annexe as an alternative standby chamber for a virtual sitting. This space was configured to enable a 'hybrid' meeting of the parliament – which would have allowed some Members to potentially attend in person and others to participate remotely via the use of videoconferencing software.
  - A technical solution was designed, tested and installed in the Undumbi Room.
  - The solution was based on Zoom video-conferencing software which offered the parliament the greatest range of functionality at the time.
  - Strict security protocols and business rules were applied to ensure the smooth operations and uninterrupted broadcast of a potential virtual sitting.
  - The Zoom-based solution was integrated with the parliament's audio system (to enable Hansard transcripts) and the video system (to enable the broadcast of parliament over the internet).

- The Parliamentary Service developed a training program and produced supporting user guides and other materials for Members, Clerks-at-the-Table and IT Help Desk staff.
- The Clerk held rehearsal sessions with dozens of Members to familiarise them with the operations of a virtual parliament.

### **Stakeholder engagement**

- To share information and lessons learnt, the Parliamentary Service liaised with other organisations which had established similar virtual chambers including the Brisbane City Council, the NZ Parliament, the Wisconsin Legislature, and the Parliament of Wales.
- The Parliamentary Service also liaised with the Queensland Government's Chief Information Security Officer, the Queensland Government's Customer and Digital Group, and senior representatives from Zoom in Australia to ensure that any potential cyber risks with the technical (Zoom-based) solution were understood and mitigated.

### **How the Zoom solution was used by the Parliamentary Service in 2020**

- While the technical solution was not used for a virtual sitting of the Queensland Parliament, both the Committee Office and the Table Office have subsequently used the solution to successfully host a range of hearings and briefings.
- Parliamentary Committees used the Zoom arrangement in the Undumbi Room from 1 June to 17 August 2020 to facilitate 14 public hearings and one private committee meeting. These public proceedings held via videoconference were predominantly briefings and hearings for the Inquiries into the government's health and economic responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As well, the Parliamentary Service and Table Office used the facilities and technology in the Undumbi Room from July to September to conduct online briefings and workshops as part of the Queensland Parliament's Research Internship Program.

**QUESTION 4**

**The SDS refers to the implementation of a formal Reconciliation Action Plan. Can the Speaker outline the background to the Plan and any general strategies proposed?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

In September 2020, the Parliamentary Service launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with an event on the Speaker's Green with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Desmond Sandy and traditional welcome song, dances and smoking ceremony from the Yuggara Chepara and Yugara dancers.

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) follows on from the formal recognition of reconciliation action in our Strategic Plan for the first time in 2017-18. Since that time a Reconciliation Action Statement has been a feature of the Parliamentary Service annual reports.

The Parliamentary Service has been a leader among Australian parliamentary jurisdictions in promoting reconciliation over many years. This new RAP signifies our advancing commitment and sets out an agenda for reviewing and building on previous achievements through Reconciliation Australia's 'Innovate RAP' framework. The development of the RAP represents a significant body of work involving Indigenous Elders and stakeholders, Reconciliation Australia, Uncle Bill Buchanan, Chaboo Designs and the parliamentary staff who formed the RAP working group.

The RAP identifies a comprehensive series of actions to be implemented over a two year period which commenced last month. The Parliamentary Service's first action was to mark NAIDOC Week. During NAIDOC week the service unveiled a new permanent display in the Reconciliation Gallery commemorating the RAP Launch. The display showcased a painting presented to the Parliamentary Service from Aunty Deborah Sandy.

Specific future actions include;

- Develop and implement an engagement plan to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations.
- Development a cultural learning strategy for Parliamentary Service staff in consultation with local Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisors
- Investigate the provision of information to Electorate Officers about cultural learning relevant to their electorate and surrounding local region, including on-Country visiting opportunities.
- Develop, implement and communicate a cultural protocol document, including protocols for Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country.
- Provide advice to Committee Secretariat regarding opportunities to encourage and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement in committee business.

**QUESTION 5**

**The SDS refers to a key objective of the Parliamentary Service to promote and strengthen the institution of Parliament. With reference to the Townsville regional sitting of parliament in October 2019, could the Speaker outline whether the delivery of services and support by the Parliamentary Service was considered successful, and any implications for the delivery of future regional parliaments?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

During his opening speech for the 56th Parliament, on 14 February 2018, His Excellency the Governor announced that the Parliament would hold a regional sitting during the parliamentary term.

On 19 June 2019, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier announced that the Queensland Parliament would hold a regional sitting in Townsville during September 2019. The Premier announced subsequently, on 27 June 2019, that the North Queensland sitting of Parliament (the regional sitting) would take place from 3 to 5 September 2019. On 22 August 2019, the Premier informed the House that the regional sitting would be held in Townsville.

The venue for the regional sitting was the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre (TECC). The parliamentary precinct was established at the TECC, including the Legislative Assembly Chamber, offices and Members' areas, as well as external space for the construction of marquees for the education program and school tours. All Members of Parliament, except for certain local Members of Parliament, were accommodated at an adjacent hotel.

A functional parliamentary precinct, including the Chamber and office accommodation, was delivered on time and the delivery of the operational and logistical aspects of the regional sitting was a success.

Members reported strong satisfaction with the Parliamentary Service's delivery of the regional sitting. In response to the survey question - how would you rate the performance of the Parliamentary Service in delivering the Regional Sitting - 94 per cent of Members were satisfied or very satisfied.

The proceedings were recorded by Hansard and broadcast live on Parliament TV. Members and staff were provided with wireless internet access to the Parliamentary network. It is estimated that approximately 2,200 Members of the general public, teachers and school children attended the sitting over the three days.

The Parliamentary Service prepared for and delivered within a record short period of six weeks' notice, a regional sitting of Parliament in Townsville. Since the last regional sitting in Mackay in 2011 there had been many critical staff changes in the intervening years. Fortunately, as a result of excellent documentation of earlier regional sittings, careful planning and the dedication of staff from a number of areas, the regional parliament was successfully delivered despite the short timeframe.

However, it is anticipated that a longer lead time for future Regional Sittings would most likely result in greater participation of both local school children and general public.



**QUESTION 6**

**The SDS refers to completion of the Parliament House fire protection program. Could you provide an update on the current status of this project, and how the improvements will help protect the heritage listed Parliament House?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE****Background**

In 2015-16, CBRC approved funding over three financial years to install a voluntary fire protection system in Parliament House. The approved proposal was developed to address risks identified by a number of external experts who noted that:

- a) there were no fire suppression systems (sprinklers) in the building, nor any fire compartmentation (fire barriers to limit the spread of fire); and
- b) the above facts, combined with the age, construction, contents and use of the building, resulted in unacceptable property risks.

**Improvements**

The purpose of the project was to introduce additional fire reduction measures to reduce the risk to the building, its contents and potentially the safety of fire-fighters and first responders in the event of a fire.

Works started in 2016 and continued over the 10 different stages of the works and was completed in September 2020.

Year	Stage	Works Description
2016-17	1	Roof space fire services and access services
2017-18	1a	New permanent roof space access walkways
2017-18	2-5	Pipework installation to all Alice Street elevations areas, Green/Red Chambers
2019-20	6-10	Library/Reading Rooms, installation of all gas systems Pipework installation to George Street elevation QUT end)

Between 2017 and 2019, 671 automatic fire sprinklers were installed throughout the building excluding low risk areas such as lobbies, stairs and colonnades with locations designed as to not affect the building aesthetics.

Sprinkler Type	Area			Totals
	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C	
Below Ceiling Sprinkler	166	154	209	529
Concealed Space Upright Sprinkler	4	45	0	49
Exposed Pendant Sprinkler	15	0	0	15
Sidewall Sprinkler	20	9	0	20
Exposed Upright Sprinkler	15	0	0	15
Concealed Space Pendant	43	0	0	43
Totals	263	199	209	671

Additional improvements included:

- a) The construction of internal permanent walkways in the Parliament House roof space as alternative to temporary scaffolding required for servicing and maintenance;
- b) Installation of early smoke detection devices in roof and concealed spaces;
- c) Installation of a Hybrid Water Mist system into the O'Donovan Library and Members Reading Rooms due to the significant historical contents (books and paperwork) which need to be conserved appropriately. The system also includes early warning alarms prior to system operation to allow occupants ample time to exit the rooms; and
- d) Installation of a Gaseous Suppression System to both Strong Rooms located on Level A, including early warning alarms and oxygen depletion sensors to allow staff to exit the room before the levels drop.

### **Current Status**

The practical completion date for Stage 6 & 9 Fire suppression system was 24 September 2020, and with the completion of these final stages we now close this project and move into the ongoing management and maintenance of these key safety improvements for all users and assets within Parliament House.

**QUESTION 7**

**The SDS makes reference to a new three year digital strategy for the Parliamentary Service and emerging cyber security risks. Can you outline some of the strategies the Parliamentary Service employs to manage these risks?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The Parliamentary Service's current three-year *ICT Strategy 2018-2021* expires on 30 June 2021, and work is underway to produce a new Digital Strategy for the organisation moving forward.

Central to this work is the parliament's continued focus on strengthening its cyber security controls, building its cyber security capabilities and mitigating potential technology-related risks and cyber security threats.

The Parliamentary Service (PS) has a stand-alone Cyber Security Strategy and action plan to ensure it has an appropriate level of protection and controls in place to safeguard the security and resilience of its infrastructure, network and IT systems, as well as to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of its information assets.

Throughout 2019-2020 the parliament continued to focus on strengthening its cyber security program to protect the operation of the Legislative Assembly, the 97 Electorate Offices throughout the state, and the core IT infrastructure, systems and information assets in the parliamentary precinct in Brisbane.

IT security measures form an important part of the Parliamentary Service's enterprise risk management framework and business continuity planning.

The parliament is committed to building the organisation's cyber security resilience in the ever-changing threat landscape and, as such, regard this important work as an ongoing journey.

**Alignment to best practice**

The cyber security framework incorporates a range of policy and technical controls which comply with best practice requirements as outlined by the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD), the Queensland Government's Customer and Digital Unit (QGCSU), and the Australian Cyber Security Centre in Canberra (ACSC). The framework aligns to industry best practice standards, including:

- The International Security Framework Standard 27001 (ISO 27001:2013)
- The Australian Signals Directorate's *Essential 8 framework* for technical controls (ASD8), and
- The Queensland Government's Information Standard 18: Information Security (IS18).

**Policy and Technical controls**

The PS is continually developing and implementing improvements to its information security management framework to ensure the necessary policy, procedural and technical controls are in place. These controls aim to strengthen the Parliament's detection, monitoring and response capabilities. Recent examples include the introduction of:

- Endpoint detection and response platform (EDR)
- Multifactor authentication
- Security incident and event management platform (SIEM)
- Vulnerability management platform
- Web application firewall
- Third party access policy and register
- Cloud storage risk assessment framework.

**Education and training controls**

The key to embedding a strong cyber security culture at the PS is an effective Security, Education and Training and Awareness program (SETA). The PS has implemented an ongoing SETA program that is designed to raise awareness levels and provide staff with basic skills to spot suspicious online behaviour. The security education, training and awareness program (SETA) makes use of the Wombat online training tool provided by the Queensland Government Customer and Digital Unit (QGCSU). The tool enables the PS to implement simulated phishing campaigns to safely test and educate staff on the importance of awareness.

**Electorate Offices and cyber security**

As part of the electorate office technology model, the PS utilises the Queensland Government Regional Network (operated by CITEC) which provides greater enterprise-grade fire wall protection and highly available and secure connectivity. As well, the transition to Office 365 and the introduction of multi-factor authentication in 2020 have further strengthened security provisions in electorate offices.

**QUESTION 8**

**With reference to the Parliamentary Service COVID-19 Response Plan, I am aware disruptions to normal service and events in the precinct provided an opportunity to support a number of charity organisations during the pandemic. Can you outline what assistance was provided by the Parliamentary Service?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

During the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic the Parliamentary Catering Service identified two charities that the kitchen team could practicably support given the decrease in demand for normal catering services.

The two charitable organisations identified were the Scarlett May Foundation and Wesley Mission.

Over approx. 4 months the Parliamentary Kitchen staff assisted by both:

- (a) repurposing donated raw ingredients (e.g. supplies from Foodbank) into pre-cooked meals; and
- (b) using excess food from our stores that may otherwise have been disposed of to prepare packaged meals.

During this period the kitchens have donated and repurposed over 3,760 kilograms of food and prepared over 25,000 individual meals.

**QUESTION 9**

**The SDS makes reference to Parliamentary Precinct Support Services which is inclusive of accommodation and hospitality services. Could the Speaker outline what initiatives are being undertaken to promote Queensland produce offered via the Parliament's hospitality services?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

Parliamentary Catering is committed to supporting Queensland and local producers where possible through active engagement either directly through the producer or distributor. Our team has on occasion visited suppliers to see first-hand how the produce/product is managed ideally using sustainable best practices where possible.

Our current wine lists include up to 13 Queensland produced wines along with a selection of Queensland produced craft beers and soft drinks. More recently we have also partnered with Kalki Moon Distillery in Bundaberg in developing our very popular "Speakers Blend Gin"

Our fresh produce, meat, seafood and dairy are mostly sourced from areas around Queensland and these areas are often displayed on our dining room menus along with feature offerings such as our Chefs Table, Sometimes Strangers and Degustation Dinners.

Examples of quality Queensland produce proudly incorporated into our various menus include:

- Gold Coast tuna
- Wivenhoe quail
- Goondiwindi pecan fed pork
- Falls Farm heirloom asparagus
- Sunshine Coast figs
- Noosa smoked honey ice cream
- Caboolture raspberries
- Everton Park honey
- Mapleton Falls Farm vegetables

**QUESTION 10**

**The SDS refers to a new Members' induction program for the 57th Parliament. Could the Speaker outline the components of the induction program and the topics covered?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The new members' induction program for the 57th Parliament involved an initial four-day program that took place on 16 – 19 November 2020.

The induction was divided into two parts: Part A and Part B. Typically Part A would be held immediately upon all seats being declared to orientate members with the Parliamentary precinct and the Parliamentary Service. Part B would then be held just prior to the first sitting week to orientate members in Parliamentary law and procedure. This year, due to the short timeframes between the election results and the Opening of Parliament, Part A and Part B occurred in the same week.

The first day of Part A dealt with administrative matters regarding the precinct, including security, accommodation and facilities. There was also presentations from Human Resources regarding staffing electorate offices, along with information on members' salaries. New members also received information around how to book travel and appropriate use of the Electorate and Communication Allowance.

On the second day of Part A, a 'one-stop-shop' was staffed by the relevant services areas of the Parliamentary Service and new members were able to speak to staff one on one about how the various service areas can be of assistance.

The new members were issued with their laptops at this time and provided an opportunity to spend time with IT services familiarising themselves with the devices. They were also offered a session with a photographer for their official parliamentary photo. This day also included a presentation from Library and Research Services, a media panel comprising current members of the media gallery and a presentation on social media use in politics by Professor Axel Bruns from QUT.

Part B occurred on days 3 and 4 and included several presentations from the Clerk of the Parliament around the historical context of Parliament, constitutional law and parliamentary law, procedure and practice. There was a presentation by Mr Tony Keyes, Parliamentary Counsel, outlining the process from drafting a bill to enacting legislation. Detailed information on the committee system was also provided.

The new members also received detailed information from the Deputy Clerk and First Clerk Assistant (Committees) on the ethical obligations of members and the role of ethics committee. This was supplemented by a presentation from the Integrity Commissioner on the role of the commissioner and conflicts of interest.

Hard copy and electronic resources were provided to all members for use throughout the program and moving forward.

A further fifth day will be conducted in early 2021 involving presentations for the new members from the Chief Justice, Chief Judge, Queensland Ombudsman, Information Commissioner, Auditor General, CCC Chairperson and the Queensland Human Rights Commissioner.



**QUESTION 11**

In reference to page 4 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and precinct support services, is the Speaker able to detail the work of the Legislative Assembly over the 56th Parliament, as compared to the last 8 Parliaments, by reference to:

- a) the number of sitting days per parliament;
- b) total sitting hours per parliament;
- c) hours of sitting per sitting day on average;
- d) total hours spent debating government bills; and
- e) total number of bills passed per parliament.

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

A breakdown of the work of the Legislative Assembly from the 49<sup>th</sup> Parliament to the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament is in the table below. Data on the total hours spent on government bills for the 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Parliaments was not available at the time of providing a response to the question. If the Committee wishes, this information can be provided at a later date.

Parliament	No. of sitting days	Total sitting hours [hrs:mins]	Average hours of sitting day [hrs:mins]	Total hours – spent on government bills [hrs:mins]	Total bills passed
49 <sup>th</sup> July 1998 to Jan 2001	119	1383:08	11:37	N/A	176
50 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2001 to Jan 2004	145	1629:01	11:14	N/A	279
51 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2004 to Aug 2006	118	1311:27	11:07	N/A	168
52 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2006 to Feb 2009	98	1152:35	11:45	502:47	160
53 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2009 to Feb 2012	126	1486:48	11:48	682:00	154
54 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 to Jan 2015	114	1218:59	10:41	561:08	170
55 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2015 to Oct 2017	110	1197:56	10:53	490:51	145
56 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 to Oct 2020	101	983:36	9:44	408:40	105

Amendments to the Sessional Orders in February 2018 at the commencement of the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament resulted in new sitting hours, including the introduction of automatic adjournments and the removal of Wednesday mornings being set aside for committee business. The new sitting hours are 9.30am to 7.30pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9.30am to 6.30pm on Thursdays. These sitting hours have been adopted in the Sessional Orders for the current 57<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

The average duration of a sitting day in the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament was 9:44 hours. This is lower than the average sitting day hours of previous parliaments (up until the 49<sup>th</sup> Parliament). The total number of sitting days for the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament is relatively comparable to previous parliaments. The most sitting days occurred during the 50<sup>th</sup> Parliament with 145 sitting days. The lowest number of sitting days occurred during the 52<sup>nd</sup> Parliament with 98 sitting days.

The total number of bills passed in the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament was lower than previous Parliaments (up until the 49<sup>th</sup> Parliament) with 105 bills passed. The largest number of bills passed occurred in the 50<sup>th</sup> Parliament with 279 bills passed.

It is important to note that the Speaker does not set the business of the House. Responsibility for the management of the business of the House rests with the Government.

**QUESTION 12**

In reference to capital purchases on page 6 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly, will the Speaker advise what electorate office relocations and/or major refurbishments have occurred since the last State redistribution (identifying each electorate office affected) and what relocations/refurbishments are underway or likely to be started or completed in 2020/21?

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

Electorate	Comment
<b>Redistribution Relocations – Priority 1</b>	
Jordan	Complete 2017/18
Ninderry	Complete 2017/18
Theodore	Complete 2019/20
Kurwongbah	Complete 2018/19
Coomera	Complete 2017/18
<b>Redistribution Relocations – Priority 2</b>	
Condamine	Complete 2018/19
Currumbin	Complete 2019/20
Logan	Searching for a suitable site, target 2021 for completion
Southport	Complete 2019/20
Toowoomba South	Complete 2019/20
<b>Other High Priority Relocations – Risk and non-compliance issues</b>	
Mirani	Complete 2019/20
Keppel	Complete 2019/20
Nudgee	Complete 2019/20
McConnel	Complete 2018/19
Woodridge	Complete 2018/19
Macalister	Complete 2018/19
Toowoomba North	Complete 2019/20
Rockhampton	Complete 2019/20
Cook	Complete 2019/20
Waterford	To be completed 2020/21
Ipswich West	To be completed 2020/21
Townsville	Complete 2019/20
Mount Ommaney	Complete 2019/20
Maroochydore	Complete 2019/20
Gladstone	Completed 2020/21
Burleigh	Currently in lease negotiations

**QUESTION 13**

**In reference to capital purchases on page 6 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and the reference to the Annexe Critical Infrastructure program, will the Speaker advise what works were completed in 2019/20 and the total value of those works and what works are to be completed in 2020/21 and the total estimated value of those works?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The three-year Annexe critical infrastructure and service program is the initial foundation stage of a long term vision to renew the Annexe which is now over 40 years old.

The scope of works has been developed based on infrastructure and service upgrade priorities across three key categories:

Category	Description
Fire Services	Infrastructure/systems required to ensure compliance with key safety obligations for fire detection, monitoring, alarm, and evacuation.
Mechanical Services	Infrastructure/systems required to deliver safe, reliable air conditioning services including pipework backbone, pump systems, air chiller units.
Electrical Services	Infrastructure/systems required to deliver safe, reliable mains power distribution for supported building management and security systems.

During 2019-20 (the first year of the program), efforts focused on developing necessary design specifications for a range of proposed works planned across the coming 3 years. Key projects delivered during 2019-20 include:

- replacement of ageing air conditioning units in Members' office and overnight rooms;
- rectification works to seal passive fire entry points;
- upgrade of sprinkler detection systems; and
- commencement of a program to replace security controllers used to manage and monitor swipe card usage throughout the precinct.

The total costs of works delivered during 2019-20 was \$1.76 million.

Work planned for 2020-21 include:

- upgrade of fire panels which monitor and activate alarm systems;
- upgrade/replacement of ageing fire dampers designed to prevent the spread of fire through duct systems when activated;
- removal of asbestos from sprinkler panels throughout the precinct;
- commence replacement of extensive chilled water piping, chillers and pumps servicing air conditioning throughout the precinct; and
- commence replacement of major electrical distribution boards and switchboards throughout the precinct.

The total costs of works planned for 2020-21 is \$8.1 million.

**QUESTION 14**

**In reference to capital purchases on page 6 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and the office and other accommodations in the Parliamentary Annexe, described by Mr Speaker recently in debate as ‘the accommodation that time forgot’, will the Speaker advise when carpets that are infested with carpet moth and are becoming threadbare in places will be replaced?**

**SPEAKER’S RESPONSE**

As Members may be aware, 2019-20 saw the commencement of a major 3 year program to upgrade critical infrastructure and services within the Parliamentary Annexe. This represents the first stage of a long term vision to “renew” the Annexe including Members’ office and bedroom floors. To date works to replace carpeting on these floors has been delayed given the obvious advantages in conducting these works as part of a more comprehensive upgrade plan. Delivery of this plan will be contingent on receiving necessary funding from Government.

In the interim, I am aware that the Annexe has suffered from carpet moths in recent times and an ongoing cleaning and pest control program involving both external contractors and internal cleaning staff has been developed to try and control the problem. Advice received to date however indicates that complete eradication will be very difficult until existing carpeting is completely removed and replaced.

**Question 15**

In reference to Service Performance on page 3 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and the office and other accommodations in the Parliamentary Annexe, will the Speaker advise:

- a) Whether there are any members whose electorates are outside the Brisbane City Council area who are not provided bedroom accommodation? If so, how many and from what parties?
- b) How many Members whose electorates are within the Brisbane City Council area have bedroom accommodation? If so, how many and from what party?
- c) How many Members whose electorates are within the Brisbane City Council area do not have bedroom accommodation? If so, how many and from what party?

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The following applies to room allocations recently approved for the new 57<sup>th</sup> Parliament:

- a) There are two (2) Members (one LNP and one ALP) whose electorates are outside the Brisbane City Council area who are not provided with bedroom accommodation.
- b) There are ten (10) Members (all ALP) whose electorates are within the Brisbane City Council area who are provided with bedroom accommodation.
- c) There are 12 Members (6 ALP, 4 LNP, 2 Greens) whose electorates are within the Brisbane City Council area who are not provided with bedroom accommodation.

**Question 16**

In reference to the controlled income statement on page 6 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly, will the Speaker advise what has been the total quantum of budget savings imposed by the government on the Parliamentary Service and Legislative Assembly for the financial years 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 whether titled as "efficiency dividends", "budget reprioritisation measures", "savings measures" or any other similar title?

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The total quantum of CBRC approved saving adjustments made to the Legislative Assembly budget across 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, and current 2020-21 financial year is \$2.126 million.

**Question 17**

**In reference to the answer to question 16) above, will the Speaker advise how budget savings imposed by the government on the Parliamentary Service and Legislative Assembly for the financial years 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 whether titled as "efficiency dividends", "budget reprioritisation measures", "savings measures" or any other similar title have been implemented and have any jobs been affected?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

In response to budget savings required since 2017-18 as identified in response to Question 16 above, a number of measures have been implemented to generate necessary savings. Some of the measures delivered one-off savings in a particular year, while other measures have provided recurrent savings each year.

Revenue Measures

- Increases to staff car parking contribution (used to help offset applicable FBT expense)
- Increase in revenue budget for fee-for-service education activities

Expense measures

- Savings following Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal determination to abolish former Member travel benefits, effective from 1 January 2019.
- Savings in committee office costs in election years (e.g. reduced committee travel)
- Savings through reduced overseas parliamentary trade delegation activity
- Minor reductions in staff overtime and use of temporary staff

The above measures have been implemented without the need to abolish any existing staff positions.



**Question 18**

Since the election of the Palaszczuk government in 2015, the public service has grown by approximately 33,133 full-time equivalent employees - a 16.6 per cent rise. In reference to staffing FTEs on page 4 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly, will the Speaker advise what has been the FTE growth (or decline) for the Parliamentary Service every financial year since 2015 and where (in what service areas) the growth (or decline) in FTEs has been within the Service?

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
2014-15	478
2015-16	479
2016-17	485
2017-18	496
2018-19	492
2019-20	506
2020-21	505

Explanation of FTE variances

- Increase in 2015-16 relates to creation of Committee Research Director role (1FTE) following establishment of additional portfolio committee.
- Increase in 2016-17 reflects:
  - a) additional resources provided to support the parliamentary committee system (3 FTEs);
  - b) creation of two (2) new positions In Property and Facility Services (including Director role and Maintenance Help Desk role); and
  - c) creation of part time role (0.6FTE) in HR Services.
- Increase 2017-18 relates to four additional Members and seven additional electorate staff arising from the 2017 State Election (increase from 89 to 93 electorates).
- Decrease in 2018-19 relates to cessation of additional staffing resources previously provided to certain Independent and Minor Party Members by the Premier.
- Increase in 2019-20 relates to cumulative FTE impact across all Members' offices associated with the introduction of the Electorate office Relief Staff Allocation.
- Decrease in 2020-21 due to cessation of temporary role to assist project management of the expanded electorate office relocation program following the 2017 Redistribution.

**Question 19**

**In reference to Service Performance on page 3 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and the roll-out of a new telephone system in July and August 2020 and the subsequent discontinuance and roll back of that system and the roll-out of a different telephone system in October and November 2020, will the Speaker advise why the roll-out of the first system was discontinued, rolled back and replaced?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE****Background**

In March 2019 the telephony provider of the (then) existing system (NEC) informed the Parliamentary Service that the existing phone system (which was a "Cisco Call Manager" solution hosted by NEC) would no longer be supported after the original 6-year contract expired on 24 July 2020.

NEC's advice that it was decommissioning its end-of-life platform, led to a decision to conduct a market exercise to identify and pursue an alternative new solution.

After an open market tender in late 2019, the Parliamentary Service signed a contract with Datacom in early February 2020 for a unified communications and telephony solution, on an as-a-service basis. The solution was based on Microsoft Teams Telephony.

The solution had to be implemented by late July 2020 to coincide with the expiration of the NEC contract so that NEC could decommission its end-of-life platform.

Therefore an ambitious rollout schedule to electorate offices was proposed from 22 June 2020 in order to meet this deadline – and to ensure that there were no interruptions to these offices in the lead up to the state election.

**Why the roll-out of the first system (Teams Telephony) was discontinued**

During the implementation of the Microsoft Teams Telephony solution in electorate offices there were some unexpected challenges which related to call quality and call reliability issues. While the Teams solution had been tested by Parliamentary IT Services and Datacom, and also piloted for a short period of time in two (2) electorate offices before the broader roll-out, unfortunately this testing did not reveal the extent of some of these later problems.

These issues included calls not connecting or taking up to 20 seconds to connect, call silence (that is, no one at the end of the call), call drop outs, the quality of the calls were inconsistent in some offices, and there were some problems with how voicemail was operating. Not all electorate offices were experiencing the same problems – and some sites reported no issues.

However on 1 July 2020 – seven business days into the roll-out - the implementation was paused so that further investigations could take place to identify and remediate these emerging and unexpected technical issues. At this point 42 electorate offices had been transitioned.

### **About the temporary roll-back to NEC**

During July and August 2020 multiple attempts were made by Datacom to resolve a range of technical issues with limited success. Technical engineers from all parties (Datacom, Microsoft, CITEC and the Parliamentary Service) worked collaboratively to try and pinpoint the root cause of the technical issues, however these efforts had limited success.

In July and August 2020 the Parliamentary Service also held meetings with Datacom and Microsoft executives to escalate the resolution of the issues. Despite these actions, neither Datacom, CITEC, nor Microsoft could accurately diagnose and rectify, with any reliability, the various problems reported.

On 1 September 2020, it was determined by the Clerk that the unresolved technical issues with the Microsoft Teams Telephony solution deemed it unfit for purpose at the Parliamentary Service. With the impending termination of support for the current NEC system, it was also determined that ongoing attempts to rectify or modify the Teams solution with no guarantee of resolving the problems was an unacceptable risk.

A contract variation was subsequently negotiated with Datacom for an alternative and more stable solution.

Given the ongoing disruptions to electorate offices in the lead up to the October 2020 election, the Clerk approved a temporary roll back to the NEC solution. From 17 August to 4 September 2020, the 42 electorate offices were rolled back to the NEC platform as a stop gap measure while a new, more stable and reliable solution could be determined.

### **The final replacement telephony solution**

The alternative telephony solution selected was “Cisco Webex Calling” (a cloud-based telephony platform hosted by Cisco).

From mid-September and throughout October 2020 Datacom designed, built and tested the technical environment for the new solution.

The new telephony solution was successfully implemented at the parliamentary precinct in Brisbane on 28 and 29 October 2020. It was then successfully deployed to electorate offices throughout the state from 4 November and was completed on 4 December 2020.

**Question 20**

**In reference to Service Performance on page 3 of the SDS for the Legislative Assembly and the discontinuance of the telephone system in 19 above, what were the costs associated with the telephone system and were any costs able to be recouped?**

**SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**

The original 5 year contract for delivering the Teams telephony system that was subsequently discontinued was approximately \$2.42M over 5 years. This was less than the cost of the existing system in place at the time.

The contract with the new supplier for the managed solution included recurrent annual costs once the solution was up and running, as well as one-off implementation costs which included purchase of new telephone handsets, data centre hardware and professional fees. Total costs paid to the supplier were approximately \$585,000. Following the decision to discontinue the Teams solution, the Clerk of the Parliament and Datacom negotiated that hardware costs totalling \$353,000 be reimbursed to the Parliament. Datacom also absorbed additional costs incurred in attempting to unsuccessfully rectify the Teams solution.

In addition to above, migrating to the Teams solution included one-off costs payable to the existing supplier (NEC) to migrate existing electorate office numbers across to the proposed Team solution. Following the decision to temporarily roll-back from the Teams solution to NEC, similar costs were incurred to transfer numbers back to NEC. The total cost of this work was approximately \$92,000.

Due to the delays caused by rolling back to the NEC solution before final migrating to the current solution in November 2020, the contract with NEC was extended from July to December 2020 at additional cost of \$205,000.

The Parliament also incurred employee costs to appoint a temporary project manager to oversee the Teams implementation. This cost was \$118,000.

Additional costs incurred as a result of the Team solution discontinuance will be met from the Parliament's existing budget due to savings in ongoing recurrent costs for the final Cisco solution compared to the previous NEC arrangement.

**Pre-hearing questions on notice and responses –  
*Premier and Minister for Trade***

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**Question on Notice  
No. 1  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

Referring to DPC's role in implementing Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan at page 1-11 of the SDS, how many jobs are being supported from assistance to businesses through grants, payroll tax support and loans?

**ANSWER:**

My Government has committed more than \$11 billion to protect jobs, safeguard our health, minimise business costs through payroll tax reductions and other tax relief measures, and accelerate projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.

This includes \$7 billion to safeguard our health and protect jobs through our Economic Recovery Plan, and a further \$4.3 billion over four years to deliver our election commitments and further support economic recovery.

Jobs supported through these commitments include:

- A substantial capital program of \$56 billion over four years throughout Queensland outlined in the 2020–21 Budget, which is estimated to directly support 46,000 jobs in 2020–21, including significant infrastructure spending in health and education.
- A total of \$2.3 billion in tax relief, grants, electricity rebates and loans that have supported businesses to keep 334,000 Queenslanders in work through the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes \$1 billion in concessional jobs support loans providing interest free loans for 12 months to support businesses and keep Queenslanders in work. More than 6900 Queensland businesses have drawn down loans from the scheme, supporting more than 86,000 local jobs.
- Frontline staff investments for 2025 new police personnel over five years and an extra 9475 frontline health staff, including 5800 nurses and midwives, 1500 doctors, 475 paramedics and 1700 new allied health professionals.

The Queensland Government's strong health response has meant we have been able to ease restrictions and Queenslanders are getting back to work. Between May and October, employment rebounded, rising by 205,900 persons in Queensland.

This reflected an increase in both full time and part time employment. Our workforce participation rate has also been steadily rising, reaching 66.6 per cent in October – higher than the pre-pandemic rate of March 2020. This growth means employment is 500 persons higher in October 2020 than its pre-pandemic level in March 2020.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 2**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 1-22 of the SDS and TIQ's role to support investment and export opportunities, what new outcomes have been delivered for innovative businesses?

**ANSWER:**

Driving innovation is a key strategy of this Government.

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) is helping exporters identify and understand innovation-led opportunities created in a post-COVID-19 world, in sectors such as health and wellbeing, transport and logistics, and professional services.

TIQ works in close partnership with the Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur and other key agencies to support innovation companies to become global.

In 2019-20, TIQ assisted Queensland innovation companies to secure 34 outcomes, with a combined total value of \$19.2 million for Queensland's economy.

For example, prominent Queensland enterprise software company, TechnologyOne secured more than \$10 million in contracts from the United Kingdom's government and higher education sectors with the support of TIQ's Europe office.

Brisbane company Immersive Robotics was signed up by one of the world's leading electronics manufacturers to help progress the next generation of paper-thin TV screens.

Queensland firm Euclideon was supported to attend the Smart China Expo in Chongqing in August 2019, resulting in the company signing a deal with the Chongqing Survey Institute to purchase their hologram table and devices.

TIQ assisted Queensland companies to navigate Queensland and Commonwealth Government grant programs and services during the COVID-19 period.

TIQ has also assisted companies in securing their international supply chains.

For example, TIQ supported Queensland company LTR Medical when it looked like it may have been left unable to supply Australian and New Zealand hospitals with products used to treat COVID-19 patients due to a Singaporean Government mandated manufacturing shutdown. As a result of TIQ's assistance, within three days the Singapore Government had helped to resolve supply chain issues, allowing LTR Medical to continue to provide medical products during this period.

In 2019-20, TIQ helped attract several technology and biomedical companies to establish business in Queensland, including TiumBio, a Korean drug discovery company that partnered with Patheon by Thermo Fisher Scientific, for contract development and manufacturing.

TIQ also assisted Singapore's Neuron Mobility to set up in Queensland to deploy its e-scooters in Brisbane.



**Question on Notice  
No. 3  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

At page 1-18 of the SDS there is a reference to additional funding for the Go Global export grants program. What support has been provided to date under this program?

**ANSWER:**

I launched the Go Global Export Program (Go Global) on 6 February 2020 to provide export ready, small and medium-sized Queensland businesses with financial support to cover the eligible project costs of finalising a sale into a new international market.

This program is designed to overcome some of the export sale barriers when working with a new buyer and/or in a new market, including:

- market entry requirements such as registration, documentation and compliance
- costs associated with product testing and redesign, product approvals, trial export programs (logistics), meeting export market requirements, and seeking professional advice on contract negotiation, intellectual property, and counterfeit protection, and
- gaining export accreditation, such as good manufacturing practice, hazard analysis critical control point or Halal.

Two levels of projects are supported via Micro Export Grants of up to \$5,000 excluding GST, and Macro Export Grants up to \$25,000 excluding GST. A matched contribution from the applicant is required.

This year's program was run as one round from 6 February until 29 May, with two assessment cut-offs in February and April, to allow successful applicants to receive funding progressively. This approach also allowed unsuccessful companies to be given feedback with time to resubmit their applications, if desired.

COVID-19 was officially designated a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in early March, during the assessment phase of the first Go Global round.

TIQ worked closely with the first successful applicants to ensure their project could still be delivered.

Some flexibility has been given to recipients on the deliverable timeline for each project, allowing 12 months for completion, but no other program amendments have been needed.

Trade and Investment Queensland awarded 36 companies funding under Go Global in its first round with a total funding commitment of \$722,557.

Markets targeted by successful applicants included North America, China, Europe and UK, South America, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, South Africa, New Zealand, Indonesia and the Middle East.

Forty-five per cent of the total applicants were from regional Queensland. There have already been six completed projects with export outcomes in excess of \$900,000.

GeoSim Technologies, from Ipswich, received \$25,000 to ensure the required accreditation for their firefighting simulators for export to the USA. This led to a \$600,000 export outcome with further opportunities expected soon.

Brisbane based company, VoconiQ received \$22,500 to deliver a social performance framework into the Curipamba Mine in Ecuador. The funding assisted VoconiQ access local support to execute the project and produce Spanish-language collateral to use on-site, resulting in an \$80,000 outcome with further sales expected.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 4**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

At page 1-13 of the SDS there is reference to DPC's role in supporting the Year of Outback Tourism Events Program in a COVID-19 environment. How has outback tourism been supported over the last year?

**ANSWER:**

My Government is committed to boosting tourism in Outback Queensland by supporting a diverse range of events and initiatives that attract visitation to these communities, and drive social, cultural and economic benefits.

In 2019, my Government kickstarted the Year of Outback Tourism with the introduction of the \$3 million Year of Outback Tourism Events Program, creating a new wave of tourism opportunities for the Outback through funding for events and experiences.

The program has provided more than \$2.2 million in funding across 56 grants, of which 22 have been acquitted. Of the acquitted grants, six new events were delivered, 54 jobs and 713 volunteer positions were created and attendances of more than 73,000 people.

Following the impacts of COVID-19 on the events industry, a number of events due to be delivered in 2020 were postponed or altered.

Subsequently, the end date for the program has been extended to 31 December 2021 allowing all events and experiences to proceed with funding support through this program.

Since March 2020, events proceeded either virtually or in a COVID safe environment, including:

- Easter in the Vines Festival in St George, which altered their event by delivering it online, attracting 6600 national and international viewers over the two days of the festival. This was a 1550 per cent increase on previous attendances and improved the online profile of the region.
- Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival in Winton, which reached record attendance with a 170 per cent increase in festival passes sold. The festival has been growing year on year and this year directed \$150,000 into the local community.
- The inaugural Outback by the Sea Festival in Karumba, which combined their annual fishing competition with the Karumba Barra & Blues Festival creating 10 days of music, food, arts, sports and culture. Attendance exceeded expectations by almost 24 per cent.
- The Indigenous Stock Workers Display opened in late 2019 and continues as an informative and interactive display that recognises the resilience, spirit and sheer hard work of the Indigenous men and women who played a vital role in the establishment of the cattle industry in the Gulf Region. This permanent

installation has enhanced the experience at the Normanton Visitor Information Centre, which attracts tourists travelling on the Matilda and Savannah Way.

In 2021, the Year of Outback Tourism Events Program will continue to play an important role in re-igniting and attracting new visitors to the Outback by supporting 29 events across 24 local government areas.

Some of these events include the inaugural Bamba Gii Festival in Roma, the Bash Break on Brolga Fest in Quilpie, the Festival of Outback Opera to be held in Longreach, Winton, Barcoo, Barcaldine and Blackall-Tambo, the Shearers Shindig in Thargomindah and the Simpson Desert Ultra in Birdsville.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 5**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

QUESTION:

Referring to page 1-14 of the SDS, how many veterans have been supported into the Queensland public sector through the Veterans' Employment Pathway Program?

ANSWER:

(1) A total of **646** veterans have gained employment in the Queensland Government under the Veterans' Employment Pathway program in the period 24 July 2018 (when the program was announced) to 31 October 2020.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 6**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 1-14 of the SDS, what outcomes have been delivered under previous veterans' grants funding rounds and the ANZAC Legacy project?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Veterans' Memorial Grants Program was established in 2018 for the creation, upkeep and renovation of monuments, memorials and other public sites recognising veterans' achievements. Under the program, more than \$536,000 has been allocated to 28 initiatives across the state. Projects funded include the creation of a new memorial in Brisbane's Anzac Square to commemorate Queensland's Indigenous servicemen and women, restoration of the Sandgate War Memorial, upgrades to various war memorials including at Augathella, Mundubbera, Howard and Burrum Heads and restoration of a First World War German Cannon at Roma.

Throughout the Anzac Centenary, the Queensland Government delivered and sponsored numerous important commemorative initiatives.

For example, in 2015, on the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli, thousands of people attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Anzac Square. More than 50,000 people lined the streets to watch the Brisbane Anzac Day Parade, with 10,000 people taking part in the Parade.

In the same year, a squadron of Australian Defence Force cadets re-enacted the 239-kilometre March of the Dungarees from Warwick to Brisbane, passing through Allora, Clifton, Greenmount, Cambooya, Toowoomba, Helidon, Gatton, Laidley, Rosewood and Ipswich.

Under the Q ANZAC 100 project, nearly 30,000 portraits of Queensland soldiers published in The Queenslander newspaper were digitised and are now available online through the State Library of Queensland's One Search catalogue.

In 2016, the Canon Garland Memorial— ANZAC Day Origins was unveiled, a monument at the Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience, the flagship travelling exhibition of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary program, visited Toowoomba, Brisbane, Mackay, Cairns and Townsville from May to September 2016.

Several commemorative activities marked the centenary of the Western Front, including a service and wreath-laying ceremony on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Pozieres at the Shrine of Remembrance, Brisbane, as well as a virtual candlelight vigil across social media.

In 2016, the Australian Outback Spectacular production company hosted Salute to the Light Horse—High Country Special. The 12-month production featured a re-enactment of the charge of the Australian Light Horse into Beersheba.

In 2017, the state marked 100 years since the Battle of Polygon Wood in Belgium, with a mix of commemorative activities. Communities in Cairns, Rockhampton, Roma and Cloncurry honoured those who fought and died in the forest of Polygon Wood, through memorial tree planting, ceremonies and children's activities.

Throughout September 2017, the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop joined other troops from across Australia and New Zealand to honour the Australian Light Horse with a series of commemorative activities throughout Central West Queensland. During the In Pursuit of Beersheba commemorative ride, more than 90 riders travelled a 288-kilometre route from Barcaldine to Winton, stopping at Ilfracombe and Longreach.

The Anzac Centenary community grants program assisted Queenslanders to commemorate the service and sacrifice made by those at home and abroad during the First World War. A total of 335 grants were awarded over 11 rounds between 2014 and 2018, valued at \$6.89 million.

In 2018, Queensland Museum's Anzac Legacy Gallery was opened, providing a new permanent home for Mephisto, the German A7V Sturmpanzerwagen. Featuring 500 significant objects and 200 stories, the exhibition explores Queensland's wartime experience and its legacies.

In the lead up to the Armistice Centenary, communities across the state commemorated in various ways including public artworks, illumination and digital projections, choral concerts, symposiums and a statewide coordinated bellringing initiative.

On 11 November 2018, Queenslanders marked Remembrance Day and the centenary of the Armistice. Large crowds gathered to acknowledge our servicemen and women, and to honour all those who lost their lives in war and conflict over the past 100 years.

In 2019, a comprehensive, four-year program of works to restore, protect and make respectful enhancements to Brisbane's Anzac Square was completed, with works valued at \$21.98 million. With funding provided through local, state and federal contributions.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 7**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 1-11 of the SDS and work on implementation of the Bridgman review, what is the status on implementation of recommendations?

**ANSWER:**

The Bridgman Review made 99 recommendations aimed at ensuring Queensland has the most responsive, consistent, and reliable public service possible.

A two-staged approach to implementing the recommendation was adopted to ensure priority outcomes would be implemented in a timely manner to allow sufficient time to conduct consultation on the more significant reforms such as a new public sector Act.

Stage one implemented key Bridgman Review recommendations relating to positive performance management and employment security, primarily through the *Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020* and new and amended directives issued by the Public Service Commission.

Bridgman Review recommendations addressed in Stage one included: 3, 4, 5, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 71, 72, 90 and 91.

For Stage two, recommendation 1 relating to a new Public Sector Act has been accepted and will be progressed in 2021. The remaining recommendations will be considered for inclusion in Stage two.



**Question on Notice**  
**No. 8**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

What outcomes have been delivered from the increase in the Government's regional presence and support for regional forums as detailed at page 1-13 of the SDS?

**ANSWER:**

The Regional Community Forums provide a voice for regional and rural communities and allow us to focus on opportunities to strengthen the business sector, increase jobs and support emerging industries across Queensland.

These forums also present an important opportunity to better focus strategic government initiatives to address the needs, and target the priorities, of regional Queensland.

The Forums have been critical in supporting community engagement on major government policies and promoted direct input from members into policy decisions such as the whole-of-government COVID-19 economic recovery planning in June 2020.

The forums have also progressed activities from local action plans to address the region's priorities, including:

- developing a pilot in Monto for Agricultural Traineeships
- the promotion and championing of buying local campaigns and stories to support regional small businesses, and
- seeking to involve local artists with public health messaging in Far North Queensland.

To date, 28 forums have been held over four rounds across the seven regions of Queensland.

Forums in each round were well-attended by a cross section of the 141 appointed members.

In total, 20 rural and regional communities hosted forums, with the third forum being held virtually in June 2020 to support COVID-19 safety for members.

The Office for Rural and Regional Queensland staff also actively engage with service providers and local governments between forums to improve service coordination in regions.

During significant crises, including natural disasters and COVID-19, our regional officers have also assisted forum members and community stakeholders to access supports, grants and services.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 9**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

Referring to page 1-18 of the SDS, what initiatives have been delivered under the Far North Queensland Screen Production Strategic Plan?

**ANSWER:**

My Government committed \$200,000 to deliver a Far North Queensland Screen Production Strategic Plan to develop the screen industry in this region. Screen Queensland worked with regional screen specialists, Screenworks, to develop the plan and roll it out in the region.

In the latest budget, my Government has also announced \$6.8 million over two years to fund a studio facility in Cairns.

Introduced in August 2019, the Far North Queensland Screen Production Plan includes the following skills development and engagement initiatives:

- AUTHENTIC – an opportunity for three teams to develop microfilms in partnership with Screenworks and the ABC
- Creating and Sharing Stories – an opportunity targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytellers in partnership with Screenworks and NITV
- Two bootcamp mentoring programs with industry professionals from Gameloft and Ludo Studio
- An online panel event on short film content delivered in partnership with Screenworks
- Access to Screen Queensland staff members on the ground in Cairns for two days each month
- A *Meet the Broadcaster* event with ABC scheduled for December 2020.

The Plan also supports Screen Culture in Far North Queensland and initiatives include:

- Port Shorts Film Festival supported to pivot to virtual delivery due to the pandemic
- Understory Film Festival, which received financial and in-kind support.

Further, as part of Screen Queensland's COVID Support Package, my Government provided the following support initiatives to the region:

- Far North Queensland underwater and nature filming specialists, Biopixel shared in \$1 million Enterprise 2020 program
- Far North Queensland screen practitioners supported to obtain industry experience in local FNQ productions, *Microworld: Reef* and *Dive Club* through Screen Queensland's attachment program.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 10**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 1-18 of the SDS and Screen Queensland's grant budget, what productions have been secured to date under the Production Attraction Strategy and how many jobs have been supported?

**ANSWER:**

As at 30 November 2020, the following productions, delivering an estimated Queensland Production Expenditure (QPE) of over \$1 billion, have been secured and announced under the Production Attraction Strategy:

- *Nest 3D*
- *Hoges*
- *Jungle*
- *Swinging Safari*
- *Thor:Ragnarok*
- *At Last*
- *The Bureau of Magical Things*
- *Harrow*
- *Pacific Rim 2*
- *Aquaman*
- *Tidelands*
- *Harrow, Season 2*
- *The End*
- *Lunatics*
- *Dora the Explorer*
- *Godzilla v Kong*
- *Reef Break*
- *Love and Monsters*
- *Flesh & Blood (PDV)*
- *The Chain Breakers (PDV)*
- *Heavens: The Boy & his Robot*
- *Bluey, Season 2 (PDV)*
- *Elvis film*
- *Harrow, Season 3*
- *Irreverent*
- *Young Rock*
- *Joe Exotic*
- *Holey Moley*
- *Millionaire Hot Seat*
- *Escape from Spiderhead*
- *Thirteen Lives*

A further 5 productions have been approved for PAS funding by the Screen Queensland Board and will be announced when contracted.

The total number of jobs on these 36 productions is estimated at over 13,000.

**Question on Notice  
No. 11  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

In relation to page 1 of the SDS, can the Premier provide a) the cost to date and b) the budgeted amount allocated for machinery-of-government changes?

**ANSWER:**

Each government arranges its functions in the way that best serves their objectives for the community.

Resulting machinery-of-government changes are undertaken from within existing resources and in a budget-neutral manner.

For the machinery-of-government changes arising from the election of the third Palaszczuk government, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet has allocated no budget and made no expenditure.

**Question on Notice  
No. 12  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

In relation to page 18 of the SDS, can the Premier provide a detailed list of the \$12.9 million in expenditure items from 2019/20 that was returned to Treasury as part of the Government's Savings and Debt Plan?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Premier and Cabinet returned \$12.9 million in 2019-20 as part of the Government's Savings and Debt Plan. This was primarily made up of the below expenditure items:

<b>Expenditure Item</b>	<b>Amount returned (\$M)</b>
Savings achieved in operational employee related expenses as a result of the impact of vacancies from the government's recruitment freeze on non-frontline services	\$3.7
Unbudgeted revenue received for Anzac Centenary Legacy Projects. These projects were delivered using existing budget allocations.	\$3.0
Funding returned from the cessation of the Criminal Justice System Reform Framework Program Management Office and related items	\$1.5
Unexpended grant funding	\$3.0
Funding returned from the Events Sponsorship Fund and other event initiatives impacted by COVID-19 restrictions	\$1.7

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 13**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 17 of the SDS, can the Premier outline the number of fraud and/or misconduct investigations currently being undertaken either by the Department or the Crime and Corruption Commission, regarding employees with specific reference to the overall types of complaints and the number of staff currently on suspension as a result of these investigations?

ANSWER:

It is not appropriate to comment on investigations currently being undertaken by either the Department of the Premier and Cabinet or the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The Public Service Commission meets its legislative requirement under section 88N of the *Public Service Act 2008* to publish annual conduct and performance data by 30 September each year.

A link to this report is below:

<https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/2019-20-conduct-and-performance-data>

The Public Service Commission data does not include matters involving corrupt conduct.

Corrupt conduct matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) and a corruption allegations data dashboard is published at [Corruption allegations data dashboard | CCC - Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland](#)

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 14**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 11 of the SDS, will the Premier advise the cost of obtaining legal advice to represent:

- a) departmental staff;
  - b) the Premier or
  - c) staff in the Premier's office.
- in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (reported separately by year and who the advice was for)?

ANSWER:

The grant of an indemnity to staff of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and ministerial staff is made under the *Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline*.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has incurred \$85,313.05 in legal costs under the *Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline* for legal representation of departmental staff by an approved legal representative between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2020.

The grant of an indemnity to the Premier is made in accordance with the *Guideline for the Grant of Indemnities and Legal Assistance to Ministers and Assistant Ministers*. Any decision to grant "Legal Assistance" and or an indemnity to the Premier are made by Cabinet and are therefore Cabinet-in-Confidence.

The Premier is regularly a party to litigation in her capacity as head of state of Queensland, much of it unmeritorious or by vexatious litigants. It is not uncommon for Ministers and former Ministers to also seek indemnity and legal assistance.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has not incurred any legal costs under the *Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline* for legal representation of staff in the Premier's office by an approved legal representative between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2020.

The 'approved legal representative' referred to in the answers does not include the Crown Solicitor, Crown Law or any Counsel engaged by them.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 15**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 11 of the SDS, can the Premier provide the budget for the operation of the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (reported separately by year) and the actual expenditure in 2019/20?

**ANSWER:**

The Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council was established as an independent oversight body to monitor and champion the implementation of the 140 recommendations from the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report (the Not Now, Not Ever report) and the *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy*. The Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council was established between December 2015 and existed until November 2019.

In support of the Government's response to the Not Now, Not Ever report, the Government committed record investment of more than half a billion dollars for domestic and family violence services from 2015–16 to 2018–19.

As part of this investment, the Queensland Government committed \$328.9 million over six years from 2015–16 to implement significant reforms. Combined, this investment has enabled the Government to:

- establish a permanent specialist domestic and family violence court at Southport and roll out specialist court approaches in Beenleigh and Townsville, with circuit courts to Palm Island and Mount Isa.
- replace three existing domestic and family violence shelters and establish four new shelters.
- commence integrated service responses in Logan/Beenleigh, Mount Isa and Cherbourg.
- establish eight High Risk Teams to keep victims safe and hold perpetrators to account in Ipswich, Logan/Beenleigh, Cairns, Mount Isa, Cherbourg, Brisbane, Caboolture, and Mackay.
- provide 24 additional specialist domestic and family violence police officers across the State.
- renew contracts for more than 50 domestic violence shelters and support services with a \$133 million investment over five years.

In late 2019, all of the recommendations for government in the landmark Not Now, Not Ever report were delivered.

The Queensland Government continues to demonstrate its commitment to preventing domestic and family violence, investing \$152 million this financial year, including:

- \$48.5 million to respond to domestic and family violence, including counselling and crisis responses, court-based support to victims and perpetrators and specialist ATSI support
- \$34.3 million for women's shelters, mobile and centre based support services



- \$11.8 million for specialist sexual violence services
- \$8.4 million for women's health and wellbeing services.

The Queensland Government has also provided a \$7.5 million funding package to address the impacts of COVID-19 on domestic and family violence services.

Building on the reforms, in November 2019, the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council was convened to raise awareness and build greater community ownership of the Queensland Government's 10-year domestic and family violence reform program. Since November 2019, the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council has engaged more than 300 individuals and organisations in Queensland; hosted eight digital and three face-to-face meetings; and delivered two regional engagement programs in Townsville and Moreton Bay.

Additionally, the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council has met with stakeholders to hear their views on issues important to the sector, including the strengthening of legislation, and provided guidance on improving responses to housing, frontline service delivery and awareness campaigns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budget for the operation of the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council and the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council is outlined below.

Operational budgets were:

- \$491,000 in 2018–19
- \$730,820 in 2019–20, with actual expenditure of \$497,415, with surplus funding deferred to 2020–21 to align with operational requirements
- \$495,000 in 2020–21

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 16**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 11 of the SDS in relation to disaster management, can the Premier provide:

- a) the budget for disaster management co-ordination by the Department in 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (reported separately by year),
- b) the actual expenditure in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (reported separately by year),
- c) the number of meetings in 2019/20 (including the date of meetings), and
- d) the number of meetings attended by the Premier in 2019/20 (including the date of meetings)?

ANSWER:

(a) and (b) The Queensland Government is committed to making Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia and strives to safeguard people, property and the environment from disaster impacts, while recognising the importance of empowering and supporting local communities to manage disaster risks, respond to events and be more resilient.

The state group, the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QDMC), established under section 17 of the *Disaster Management Act 2003* is a critical part of Queensland's well-proven disaster management arrangements. The Premier is Chair of QDMC which, among other functions, is responsible for coordinating State and Commonwealth assistance for disaster management and disaster operations.

Disaster management coordination is core business for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), with staff from Policy, Strategy and Engagement, Corporate and Government Services, Cabinet Services, and the Office of the Director-General all supporting the Premier in her role as Chair of QDMC and any other Cabinet Committees established to support response/recovery to a disaster.

DPC prioritises this critical work and is flexible in meeting the needs of the state, based on the scale and nature of the disaster.

(c) During 2019-20 Queensland's disaster management committees met on 38 occasions.

In response to the Southern Queensland Bushfires, the Queensland Disaster Management Committee met on 7 September 2019 (twice), and then again on 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 24 September 2019.

In November 2019, further bushfires resulted in the Queensland Disaster Management Committee meeting on 12, 13, 14 and 17 November 2019.

In early 2020, in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Queensland Disaster Management Committee met on 30 and 31 January 2020 and 2 February 2020.

The Queensland Disaster Management Committee met on one additional occasion on 24 February 2020 in relation to Tropical Cyclone Esther.

In early February 2020, the Public Health and Safety Cabinet Committee (PHSCC) was established to manage the public health consequences of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The PHSCC met six times on 2, 3 and 19 February 2020, and 2, 6 and 16 March 2020.

Given the whole of government implications of the pandemic, the work of the PHSCC was transferred to the Queensland Disaster Management Cabinet Committee in late March 2020. This Committee includes all Ministers in its membership.

The Queensland Disaster Management Cabinet Committee met 13 times from March to June 2020. These meetings occurred on:

20, 24, 26 and 30 March 2020

2, 8, 15, 23 and 29 April 2020

14 and 28 May 2020

11 and 25 June 2020.

(d) As Chair of the Queensland Disaster Management Committee, Public Health and Safety Cabinet Committee and the Queensland Disaster Management Cabinet Committee, I attended all meetings, with the exception of the four Queensland Disaster Management Committee meetings from 8-11 September 2019 relating to the Southern Queensland Bushfires, when I was on a trade mission. The acting Premier attended these meetings.

In addition to these formal meetings, I've also held a considerable number of meetings with my Director-General, the Director-General Queensland Health, the Chief Health Officer, the Police Commissioner and the State Disaster Coordinator throughout this period.

**Question on Notice  
No. 17  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

In relation to page 14 of the SDS, can the Premier provide the terms of reference for the strategic review of the Integrity Commissioner?

**ANSWER:**

The Terms of Reference are being developed.

In accordance with section 86 of the *Integrity Act 2009*, I will consult the Integrity Commissioner and Economics and Governance Committee about the Terms of Reference and the appointment of the reviewer, prior to the appointment of the reviewer.

**Question on Notice  
No. 18  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 22 of the SDS and Trade and Investment Queensland's Locally Engaged Staff (LES), can the Premier advise how many complaints were received in 2019/20 about LES including but not limited to complex conduct and performance matters, fraud and other misconduct?

**ANSWER:**

Two matters were raised about Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) Locally Engaged Staff (LES) in 2019-2020.

These matters were thoroughly investigated. In the first matter, the allegation was found to be substantiated and the appropriate disciplinary action was taken. The second matter was reviewed internally, and the allegation was found to be un-substantiated, no further action was taken.

TIQ is a large organisation with geographically dispersed operations covering eight regional and 16 international offices. Operating an international network presents a range of complexities, including in-market specific laws, cultural and business norms.

Given the scale and complexity of TIQ's operations, TIQ has a number of practices in place to ensure that any complaints received regarding any staff member (including LES) are appropriately investigated and resolved. These include:

- creating a high-performance culture where feedback from both TIQ team members and external stakeholders in relation to the performance and conduct of TIQ staff is encouraged and valued; and
- implementing and maintaining appropriate systems and processes to ensure that all complaints received are acknowledged, independently investigated and resolved in a timely manner.

TIQ staff must also comply with the TIQ Code of Conduct which contains provisions in relation to misconduct, accountability and transparency. In addition, all TIQ staff are required to complete online fraud and corruption awareness and prevention training during induction. This training is undertaken annually.

**Question on Notice  
No. 19  
Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 25 of the SDS and Trade and Investment Queensland's income statement, will the Premier disclose the total value of hospitality expenses for Trade and Investment Queensland for 2019/20 and the 2020/21 year to date broken down by position: a) Chair; b) CEO; c) Agent General; and d) all other TIQ employees (combined)?

**ANSWER:**

The total amount expended by Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) on hospitality in 2019/20 was \$313,182 and \$12,339 in 2020/21 on a year to date basis as of 30 November 2020. A category break-down is provided in the following table.

	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21 YTD</b>
Chair	\$365	Nil
CEO	\$2,212	\$1,271
Agent-General	\$12,469	Nil
All other TIQ employees (combined)	\$298,136	\$11,068
Total	\$313,182	\$12,339

This expenditure was for representation of the State at numerous domestic and international functions, including State occasions, community engagement activities, industry development forums, regional business community consultations, launches and other trade and investment promotional events that are consistent with pursuit of objects under the *Trade and Investment Queensland Act 2013*.

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 20**  
**Asked on 3 December 2020**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 25 of the SDS and Trade and Investment Queensland's income statement, will the Premier disclose the total cost of contractors for Trade and Investment Queensland in 2019-20?

**ANSWER:**

The total cost of contractors engaged by TIQ in 2019–20 was \$7.440 million.

Contractors were engaged by Trade and Investment Queensland to assist in the delivery of key initiatives to support trade, investment as part of our Unite and Recover strategy.

In addition to providing support for many of its corporate functions including information technology, payroll and legal services, TIQ secured specialist services to support COVID-19 related economic recovery including: e-commerce programs into international markets, international education sector support, student welfare services and regional export capability development programs.

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*Treasurer and Minister for Investment***

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## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 01**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

How has Queensland's economic recovery from COVID-19 compared with that of other countries?

#### **ANSWER:**

Queensland's economic recovery has been a standout amongst Australia's states and territories, and other peer economies internationally.

The latest ABS data available at the time the Budget was published show Queensland's seasonally adjusted state final demand, a key indicator of domestic activity, fell a record 5.9% in June quarter 2020. This was lower than the 7.4% decline in national domestic spending and the falls of 8.6% in New South Wales and 8.5% in Victoria.

This superior performance appears to have continued in the September quarter based on the latest ABS state final demand data, released on 2 December 2020.

As restrictions have progressively been unwound in Queensland, the latest data show domestic activity rebounded substantially in the September quarter, rising 6.84% to be 0.7% higher over the year, with all major components of state final demand rising in the quarter.

This was the strongest quarterly rise of all states and territories in Australia, and was the largest quarterly rise in Queensland's state final demand in 17 years.

ABS Labour Force data for October showed Queensland to be the only state in Australia to have fully recovered all the jobs lost through the pandemic.

The latest ABS Labour Force data for October show that seasonally adjusted employment in Queensland has rebounded 205,900 persons since its recent low in May, to be 500 persons above its pre-pandemic level in March 2020.

The strong economic recoveries underway in Queensland and Australia are closely related to the success of the Queensland health response to COVID-19.

This is where Queensland and Australia have significantly outperformed much of the rest of the world.

The health response in Queensland and Australia is in stark contrast to various other countries around the globe, many of which have experienced significant resurgences of the virus as they enter their winter months.

Many European countries, including the United Kingdom, have responded by recently re-imposing full or partial lockdowns that are likely to substantially impact the timing and extent of recovery in these economies.

Australia's and Queensland's relative success in controlling the virus compared with many countries has allowed for the substantial easing of health and safety restrictions on individuals and businesses, resulting in a faster return to a more normal level of economic activity.

Australia's Gross Domestic Product fell a record 7.0% in the June quarter, before rebounding 3.3% in the September quarter.

However, this decline in the June quarter was dwarfed by the falls recorded in various other nations, including a 20% decline in the United Kingdom, a 12% decline across the Euro Zone and Canada, and the 9% decline in the United States.

Queensland's more rapid recovery is also highlighted in the economic growth forecasts outlined in the 2020-21 State Budget, with Queensland's GSP forecast to return to growth of ¼% in 2020-21, before strengthening substantially to 3½% in 2021-22.

In comparison, Australian Treasury forecasts national GDP to decline 1½% in 2020-21, while the latest forecasts from New South Wales and Victoria, as outlined in their respective state budgets, show economic activity is expected to fall ¾% and 4% respectively in those states in 2020-21.

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 02**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

How has Queensland's recent economic performance throughout the crisis, and how does growth and its forecasts, compare with NSW? (SFD growth, GSP growth)?

#### **ANSWER:**

Reflecting the impacts of COVID-19, domestic activity weakened across all states and territories in the June quarter.

The latest ABS data available at the time the Budget was published show Queensland's seasonally adjusted state final demand, a key indicator of domestic activity, fell a record 5.9% in June quarter 2020, to be 5.2% lower over the year.

However, Queensland's 5.9% decline was well below the decline in New South Wales (down 8.6%), with Queensland's relative success in controlling the spread of the virus resulting in domestic economic activity being less impacted and allowing activity to start to recover more quickly.

The unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated measures to contain the spread of the virus mean that the impact on Queensland's economic activity is expected to be concentrated in the June quarter of 2020.

Substantial income support and stimulus measures across all levels of government, combined with the progressive unwinding of virus restrictions in Queensland, have underpinned a substantial rebound in activity in the September quarter, and suggest a further improvement in the early parts of the December quarter.

In particular, ABS National Accounts data released after the Budget showed Queensland's state final demand rebounded 6.84% in September quarter 2020, to be 0.7% higher over the year.

Queensland recorded the strongest quarterly rise of the states and territories in the September quarter.

More importantly, Queensland was the only state to record positive growth both over the period from the March quarter 2020 (the pre-COVID level) and over the year to the September quarter.

In comparison, state final demand in New South Wales in the September quarter remained 2.6% below the pre-COVID level in March quarter 2020 and 3.3% lower over the year.

In terms of the outlook going forward, Queensland's GSP is still forecast to return to growth of  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  in 2020-21, then strengthen substantially to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  in 2021-22, with ongoing solid growth of around  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  in the later years of the forward estimates.

In comparison, the latest forecasts from New South Wales, as outlined in their State Budget, show economic activity is expected to fall  $\frac{3}{4}\%$  in 2020-21, before recovering to  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  growth in 2021-22,  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$  in 2022-23 and  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  in 2023-24.

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 03**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

What has been Queensland's recent economic performance throughout the crisis and how does growth and its forecasts compare with Victoria? (SFD growth, GSP growth)

#### **ANSWER:**

Reflecting the impacts of COVID-19, domestic activity weakened across all states and territories in the June quarter.

The latest ABS data available at the time the Budget was published show Queensland's seasonally adjusted state final demand, a key indicator of domestic activity, fell a record 5.9% in June quarter 2020, to be 5.2% lower over the year.

However, Queensland's 5.9% decline was well below the decline in Victoria (down 8.5%), with Queensland's relative success in controlling the spread of the virus resulting in domestic economic activity being less impacted and allowing activity to start to recover more quickly.

The unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated measures to contain the spread of the virus mean that the impact on Queensland's economic activity is expected to be concentrated in the June quarter of 2020.

Substantial income support and stimulus measures across all levels of government, combined with the progressive unwinding of virus restrictions in Queensland, have underpinned a substantial rebound in activity in the September quarter, and suggest a further improvement is likely in the early parts of the December quarter.

In particular, ABS National Accounts data released after the Budget showed Queensland's state final demand rebounded 6.84% in September quarter 2020, to be 0.7% higher over the year.

Queensland recorded the strongest quarterly rise of the states and territories in the September quarter, while activity declined a further 1.0% in Victoria, reflecting the wide-ranging lockdown in that state as it dealt with a substantial second wave of virus infections.

Queensland was the only state to record positive growth both over the period since March quarter 2020 (the pre-COVID level) and over the year to the September quarter. In comparison, state final demand in Victoria remained 9.5% below the pre-COVID level in March quarter 2020 and 9.8% lower over the year.

In terms of the outlook going forward, Queensland's GSP is still forecast to return to growth of  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  in 2020-21, then strengthen substantially to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  in 2021-22, with ongoing solid growth of around  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  in the later years of the forward estimates.

In comparison, the latest forecasts from Victoria show economic activity is forecast to fall 4% in 2020-21, before recovering to  $7\frac{3}{4}\%$  growth in 2021-22,  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  in 2022-23 and 3% in 2023-24.

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 04**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

What is the Queensland Government's borrowing position (both GG and NFPS, and as a share of revenue, and output) and how it compares with that of other jurisdictions?

#### **ANSWER:**

Like all other states, Queensland has increased its borrowing over the forward estimates to support economic recovery and jobs.

Between 2019-20 and 2023-24, the Queensland Government estimates it will need to increase General Government (GG) sector borrowing from \$44.267 billion to \$88.619 billion, with Non-Financial Public Sector (NFPS) borrowing increasing from \$84.960 billion to \$129.723 billion.

Comparatively, NSW and Victoria are expected to increase borrowing at the NFPS level to \$190.841 billion and \$191.755 billion respectively by 2023-24.

That is an increase of 150% for Victoria, 101% for NSW, and 53% for Queensland for the period from 2019-20 to 2023-24 at the NFPS level.

Queensland borrowing to revenue ratio for the GG sector increases from 76.6% in 2019-20 to 133.6% in 2023-24.

For NFPS, it increases from 128.4% in 2019-20 to 172.0% in 2023-24.

NSW and Victoria's Debt to Revenue ratios for NFPS increases over the same time from 111.9% and 107.7% respectively in 2019-20, from a lower base than Queensland, to 194.5% and 225.8% respectively in 2023-24, a noticeable higher rate.

Based on the most recent set of Budget releases, Queensland will be the third lowest state in Australia for Debt to Revenue on both the GGS and NFPS metrics, with only WA and Tasmania lower.

Net GGS debt as a share of the economy in 2023-24 will be 13% for Queensland, versus 16% for New South Wales and 32% for Victoria. Queensland's gross GGS debt as a share of the economy will be 23% in 2023-24, versus 24% in NSW and 35% in Victoria.

Comparisons among states about NFPS debt as a share of the economy are not relevant, given that other major states have sold equivalent government owned corporations, while Queensland has kept public assets in public hands.

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 05**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

How has the impacts of COVID-19 affected Queensland's prices and wages growth and how these forecasts compare with other jurisdictions? (incl. Government Indexation Rate).

**ANSWER:**

The 2020 Brisbane March Consumer Price Index was 1.8%. As such, in June 2020, the Government revised its 2020-21 indexation rate to 1.8% for fees and charges.

The State penalty unit for most fines and penalty infringements will not be indexed for the 2020-21 year.

The Queensland Government's revised rate of 1.8% for 2020-21 means fees and charges will increase at almost half the rate that Queenslanders could expect under the previous LNP Government, which introduced a rate of 3.5% per annum.



## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 06**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

How will the Government's capital program contribute to economic recovery in Queensland?

#### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Committee for the question.

The Government's 2020-21 Budget and our Economic Recovery Plan focuses on protecting jobs. A key element of the Government's recovery plan is the strategic use of the Government's substantial capital works program to accelerate projects, unlock development and increase economic activity.

In the 2020-21 Budget, Queensland has remained committed to a substantial infrastructure investment program, totalling \$56.031 billion over four-years, the largest in a decade. This demonstrates the Government's commitment through the Economic Recovery Plan to maintain a significant infrastructure program as a major driver of economic growth and job creation, and to give industry confidence to invest and generate jobs.

The Government's capital works program will directly support substantial employment and economic activity across all regions of the state. The Government has committed to a \$14.8 billion capital program in 2020-21, which is estimated to directly support 46,000 jobs.

Around 60% of the capital works program in 2020-21 will be outside the greater Brisbane area, which is estimated to support 28,700 jobs across those regions.

The Government's capital works program, combined with high levels of expenditure across all levels of government in the context of the response to COVID-19, has resulted in ongoing strong growth in public final demand.

After rising 5.2% in 2018-19 and 6.4% in 2019-20, public final demand is forecast to grow a further 6% in 2020-21, contributing around 1½ percentage points to the forecast ¼% overall economic growth in Queensland and helping underpin economic recovery.

The strong growth in public final demand in recent years was supported by a range of initiatives, including the National Disability Insurance Scheme, substantial investment in roads and the Cross River Rail project. Ongoing expenditure in these areas, along with the Queensland Government's capital works program, will support the expected further growth in public final demand.

The Government's ongoing commitment to delivering and facilitating productivity-enhancing and catalytic infrastructure will improve productivity and connectivity across the economy, supporting Queensland's immediate economic recovery but also growing the state's regions and supporting business-led growth over the longer term.

Infrastructure connects individuals and households to employment opportunities and enables all Queenslanders to access essential services, such as health care and education.

Infrastructure is also critical to improve business opportunities by connecting supply chains to more efficiently move goods and services across industries and across regions, the rest of Australia and overseas.

Highlights of the Government's 2020-21 investment in transformative infrastructure include:

- \$1.5 billion to continue construction work on Cross River Rail and substantial ongoing investment to fund major upgrades as part of the \$3.4 billion program of works on the M1 Pacific Motorway and upgrades to the Bruce Highway.
- \$50.4 million of a \$709.9 million total spend in joint funding for the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A.
- \$38.9 million of \$550.8 million total spend in joint funding for the North Coast Rail Line - Beerburrum and Nambour Rail Upgrade.
- Strengthening Queensland's spine – the Bruce Highway, including significant funding for projects on the Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.
- Substantial ongoing investment to support the state's delivery of enhanced justice and public safety services, and to construct new social housing dwellings and upgrade existing properties, including in Indigenous communities.

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 07**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

How has the Federal Government worked with the Queensland Government to ensure the homebuilder program is administered as quickly as possible?

#### **ANSWER:**

On 4 June 2020, the Federal Government announced the HomeBuilder program which provides eligible owner-occupiers with a \$25,000 grant to purchase or build a new home or substantially renovate an existing home. The states were not consulted prior to the announcement.

After this announcement, the Federal Government worked with the Queensland Government and other state governments through a Treasury working group to settle the terms of the National Partnership Agreement on HomeBuilder which sets out the HomeBuilder program guidelines. State government working groups had to settle administrative requirements to ensure a nationally consistent approach to administration to the extent possible.

On 2 July 2020, I signed the National Partnership Agreement, on behalf of the State of Queensland, formally committing to Queensland administering the HomeBuilder Grant. In Queensland, the HomeBuilder Grant is administered by the Office of State Revenue in Queensland Treasury. While the Federal Government funds the actual grant payments, they have not provided any funding to the states to cover administration-related expenses, such as the cost of engaging additional resources.

On 29 November 2020, the Federal Government unilaterally announced an extension of the HomeBuilder Grant program to 31 March 2021, with some changes including that the amount of the grant is reduced to \$15,000 for contracts signed between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2021. Due to the impending expiry of the grant, limited consultation with the states occurred prior to the announcement of the extension.

On 30 November 2020, the Queensland Government, through the Treasury working group, met with Federal Government representatives to discuss the changes required to the National Partnership Agreement to implement the extension.

Queensland is committed to work with the Commonwealth Government to ensure the HomeBuilder housing stimulus funding benefits the Queensland construction industry and Queensland homeowners.

## Economics and Governance Committee

### Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 08

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

How is the Government's defined benefit superannuation liability funded? How does this compare to other jurisdictions?

#### **ANSWER:**

The Defined Benefit Fund is expected to remain in surplus on a funding basis as at 30 June 2020. On 27 July 2020, the State Actuary advised the Economics and Governance Committee that the preliminary estimate of the surplus position at 30 June 2020 was in the order of \$3.5 billion.

The 2019-20 Review will be provided to the QSuper Board in December 2020 and subsequently published on the QSuper website.

The government introduced legislation to establish the Queensland Future Fund for the purposes of reducing debt. The *Queensland Future Fund Act 2000* introduced a guarantee of full funding of superannuation liabilities, where “liabilities” were defined as the actuarial value of accrued entitlements based on the assumptions used to determine contribution recommendations, measured at least triennially.

Queensland remains the only Australian state to maintain fully funded defined benefit superannuation liabilities.

By way of some comparisons, Victoria is targeting to fully fund the unfunded superannuation liability by 2035, reported as \$31.293 billion in its 2020 Financial Report. Previously, NSW was aiming to eliminate its unfunded superannuation liability by 2030, but following the pandemic crisis, NSW has decided to re-anchor the funding target to be fully funded by 2040, to free up fiscal capacity over the budget and forward estimates. New South Wales reported a \$70.951 billion unfunded superannuation liability in its 2020 Report on State Finances.

South Australia reported an unfunded superannuation liability of \$12.5 billion in its 2020-21 Budget, and is aiming for full funding of this liability by 2034. Western Australia and Tasmania also continue to have unfunded superannuation liabilities.

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 09**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

What measures are being taken to deliver sustainable employment and wage levels in the public service?

#### **ANSWER:**

Queensland's public sector workforce is essential to the delivery of services to our community and to meeting the Government's priorities. The Queensland Government is committed to public sector job security while ensuring that employment and wage levels remain sustainable.

During the last term of this Government, a review of public sector employment laws was undertaken by Mr Peter Bridgeman, commissioned by the Government, to ensure Queenslanders have the most responsive, consistent and reliable public service possible.

A two-stage process has been undertaken to implement reforms arising from the review. The first stage identified priority reforms primarily relating to employment security and positive performance management.

Stage one reforms have been advanced through the Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, which received assent on 14 September 2020 and are now in effect.

For stage two, the recommendation relating to a new Public Sector Act has been accepted and will be progressed in 2020-21. The remaining recommendations will be considered for inclusion in stage two.

Regarding public sector wages, the Queensland Government's policy provides for annual wage increases of 2.5%. This policy was used for the most recent bargaining round, with most now complete.

The impact of the pandemic on Queensland's economy and budget position meant savings needed to be achieved in the short term to support the critical pandemic response.

To that end, a deferral of previously scheduled increases in General Government public sector wages was implemented during the 2020-21 financial year.

The wages deferral balances job security for public sector workers while ensuring the budget is manageable given the impact of the pandemic on the economy. Deferral of wage increases supports the budget and pandemic response through the crisis period, while allowing for increases in the following years according to existing individual agreements.

The Government's savings and debt plan also includes a focus on core business and sustaining effective frontline services. This means that departments' staff levels will be maintained within approved caps, excluding frontline staff requirements.

The frontline will be reinforced by limiting secondments of frontline workers to back office roles and identifying opportunities for roles to be reallocated to frontline tasks.

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 10**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

How does the Queensland Government's debt of Government Owned Corporations and statutory authorities compare to other states and territories?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland Government owned corporations, and large statutory authorities like Queensland Rail and Seqwater, make up the majority of the Public Non-financial Corporations (PNFC) sector in Queensland.

Each jurisdiction's PNFC sector is different, including with regard to the type and size of businesses. Queensland proudly maintains ownership of significant businesses in the energy, water, ports and rail sectors with a collective asset value of over \$70 billion.

The Government's commitment to retain public ownership of significant income generating assets across these sectors allows us to continue to invest in essential services and affordability measures.

When considering the combined effect of PNFC and General Government Sector (GGS) debt, Non-Financial Public Sector (NFPS) debt to revenue is the relevant metric.

Queensland borrowing to revenue ratio for the NFPS increases from 128.4% in 2019-20 to 172.0% in 2023-24.

NSW and Victoria's Debt to Revenue ratios for NFPS increases over the same time to 194.5% and 225.8% respectively in 2023-24

## Economics and Governance Committee

### Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 11

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise total expenditure by Treasury and administered statutory bodies on external consultants and social media in (a) the 2017-18 financial year, (b) the 2018-19 financial year, (c) the 2019-20 financial year and (d) what is the budgeted expenditure in the 2020-21 financial year?

#### **ANSWER:**

	<b>2017-18 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>2018-19 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>2019-20 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget \$'000</b>
External Consultants	14,773	15,865	12,882	7,845
Social Media	0	0	5	0



**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 12**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise for the 2019-20 actual financial year and 2020-21 budgeted financial year (in table format by individual financial year) (a) the headcount number of contractors and labour hire staff in Queensland Treasury and administered statutory bodies, (b) all expenses associated with contractors and labour hire staff in Queensland Treasury and administered statutory bodies and (c) headcount number of staff seconded to Treasury and administered statutory bodies from any other State Government entity?

**ANSWER:**

	<b>2019-20 actual financial year</b>	<b>2020-21 budgeted financial year</b>
Headcount number of contractors and labour hire	189	131
Expenses associated with contractors and labour hire	\$42,792,346	\$27,322,614
Secondments	24	19

## **Economics and Governance Committee**

### **Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 13**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise the reprioritisation target value for each Queensland Government department in the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years (broken down by individual financial year and department)?

**ANSWER:**

To support Queensland's economic recovery, the government is implementing a Savings and Debt Plan within government services to deliver savings of \$3 billion over four years to 2023-24 (\$750 million per annum from 2020-21). Savings will be achieved without cutting frontline services, sacking public servants or selling Queensland assets.

The Savings and Debt Plan has, to date, achieved savings of \$352.2 million in 2020-21. On release of the 2020-21 Budget, 42 per cent through the 2020-21 financial year, 47 per cent of the \$750 million savings target for 2020-21 had been achieved.

Savings have been achieved across a range of measures including reductions in agency expenditure on travel, contactors and consultants, and other supplies and services.

Six workstreams have been established to progress measures under the Savings and Debt Plan, with a focus on Government Advertising; Accommodation, Data and ICT; Workforce; Structural Reform opportunities; and Agency Functional Reviews. Short, medium and long-term savings opportunities are being identified and progressed through measures under these workstreams.

Agencies have been allocated targets to achieve the residual savings target (\$397.8 million) for 2020-21. These targets will be offset by savings progressively identified under the Savings and Debt Plan workstreams. The savings target by agency are outlined in Attachment 1.

Agencies have not been allocated savings targets for 2021-22, 2022-23 or 2023-24, given that further savings achieved through measures under the six workstreams will contribute to meeting the residual Savings and Debt Plan target.

## Attachment 1

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2020-21 Savings Target</b>
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	1,530
Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs	11,196
Department of Communities, Housing and the Digital Economy	3,534
Department of Education	77,547
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	4,901
Department of Energy and Public Works	3,185
Department of Environment and Science	3,481
Department of Justice and Attorney-General	3,518
Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water	627
Department of Resources	1,406
Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	2,939
Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	5,008
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	506
Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport	653
Department of Transport and Main Roads	57,371
Electoral Commission of Queensland	1,333
Inspector-General Emergency Management	61
Legislative Assembly	500
Ombudsman	130
Public Safety Business Agency	2,951
Public Service Commission	61
Queensland Audit Office	31
Queensland Corrective Services	4,828
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	543
Queensland Health	177,475
Queensland Police Service	29,658
Queensland Treasury	1,706
Whole-of-Government	1,099
<b>Total</b>	<b>397,778</b>

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 14**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise whether he is aware of any defined benefit account errors/miscalculations that have led to adjustments in the last two financial years, and if so, how many accounts have been impacted and by what total value has the adjustment been for each of these financial years?

**ANSWER:**

I am not aware of any defined benefit account errors or miscalculations in the last two financial years.

Under State and Commonwealth legislation, the calculation and payment of member benefits is a matter for the QSuper Board and the Queensland Government has no role in the supervision of member accounts.

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 15**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer detail the number of fraud and/or misconduct investigations currently being undertaken either by Treasury, administered statutory bodies, or the Crime and Corruption Commission, regarding employees with specific reference to the overall types of complaints and the number of staff currently on suspension as a result of these investigations?

**ANSWER:**

It is not appropriate to comment on investigations currently being undertaken in the Treasury Portfolio or by the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The Public Service Commission meets its legislative requirement under section 88N of the *Public Service Act 2008* to publish annual conduct and performance data by 30 September each year.

A link to this report is below:

<https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/2019-20-conduct-and-performance-data>

The Public Service Commission data does not include matters involving corrupt conduct.

Corrupt conduct matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) and a corruption allegations data dashboard is published at [Corruption allegations data dashboard | CCC - Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland](#)

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 16**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer detail (in table format by business unit) the number of full-time equivalent staff from each individual business unit that contributed to the reduction in staffing from 1,187 in 2019-20 to 1,111 in 2020-21?

**ANSWER:**

<b>Business Unit</b>	<b>Number of full-time equivalents staff</b>
Planning and Infrastructure and Economic Resilience <sup>1</sup>	-231.9

**Notes:**

1. Decrease due to the machinery of Government transfer of these functions to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning effective 1 December 2020, partially offset by increases elsewhere for other reasons.

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 17**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise all losses on interest and distributions held by the Queensland Investment Corporation on behalf of Treasury and administered statutory bodies for the 2019-20 financial year?

**ANSWER:**

The market value of investments globally was adversely impacted by significant falls in interest rates and volatile market conditions over 2019-20.

QIC manages approximately \$700m in market investments on behalf of Qld Treasury for the Motor Accident Insurance Commission and the Nominal Defendant.

I am advised that, for these funds, the loss in 2019-2020 was approximately \$4.5m, but this has been offset by gains in 2020-2021 (year to date) of \$40m, for a net gain of approximately \$35.5m since 1 July 2019.

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 18**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer list all programs (in table format) which contributed to Treasury's 2019-20 capital purchases exceeding the budgeted \$561,000 including (a) program, (b) budgeted program cost, (c) actual program cost, (d) expected program completion date?

**ANSWER:**

The 2019-20 capital purchases actual of \$1,370,000 was consistent with the budget as revised during the 2019-20 year.



**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Estimates Question on Notice  
Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020  
No. 19**

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 74 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise of the \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (a) how much of the fund has been deposited by industry, (b) over what financial years will the funds be disbursed and (c) will the fund receive new allocations from industry or the government?

**ANSWER:**

On 18 May 2020 the State and the Queensland Resources Council representing participating mineral resource companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that establishes the Fund.

- (a) The proposed funding is \$70 million from participating mineral resource companies across the period 2019-20 and 2021-22. For amounts relating to 2019-20, the Fund has received approximately 50% of the expected contribution from participating mineral resource companies.
- (b) This and the next.
- (c) Yes

## Economics and Governance Committee

### Estimates Question on Notice Asked on Thursday, 3 December 2020 No. 20

**THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—**

#### **QUESTION:**

With reference to page 60 of Budget Paper 2, will the Treasurer provide a breakdown (in table format) of all securities and derivatives trading programs by Government Owned Corporations which contributed to the variance between the 2019-20 MYFER estimate and the 2019-20 actual including (a) the Government Owned Corporation, (b) the net loss or profit from the trading program and (c) what exchanges were utilised by the trading programs?

#### **ANSWER:**

Information in relation to securities and derivatives trading of Government owned corporations (GOCs) is provided in the Annual Reports of each business, which are prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards. These audited accounts outline gains and losses by financial year, valuation approach, and relevant risk sensitivities of derivatives contracts entered into by GOCs. Anything more specific around the securities and derivatives trading programs of GOCs is commercial-in-confidence.

As described in the 2019-20 annual reports of the individual businesses, GOCs may enter into a diverse range of contracts and derivatives (for example, over-the-counter and exchange traded swaps, caps and option contracts).

GOCs are governed by a *Code of Practice for Financial Arrangements* which requires GOC boards to develop, maintain and implement appropriate financial risk management policies, including in relation to derivatives trading.

**Pre-hearing questions on notice and responses –  
*Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation  
and Minister for Sport***

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## **ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **2020 ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **No. 1**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-135 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to supporting the rebuilding of the Queensland major events calendar, will the Minister provide an update on the Queensland Destination Events Program?

**ANSWER:**

Tourism is an essential industry to many of our state's rural and regional centres. Events play a key role in fostering regional tourism through attracting visitors across Queensland, generating local economic activity, promoting the destinations where they are held, and engaging local communities.

The positive economic impact and interest in a community that a successful regional event can provide not only helps to build a sense of local pride, but can also foster confidence and strengthen the community as a whole.

The Queensland Government supports regional events through the Queensland Destination Events Program (QDEP), administered by Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ). QDEP is designed to create a growth pathway for events across Queensland that play a role in attracting visitors to the region and promoting the host destination.

Since 2015, QDEP has invested more than \$12.4 million across more than 380 events held in Queensland. Thanks to the Queensland Government's commitment to provide an additional \$36 million over three years to TEQ to attract more events and position Queensland as Australia's events capital, QDEP increased from \$2 million to \$3 million per year from 2018-19 through to 2020-21 (an increase of \$3 million over three years).

In 2019-20, 98 destination events were supported by TEQ, of which, 62 were successfully staged prior to the onset of COVID-19.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting the tourism and events industry through the incredibly difficult and ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to announce that 23 events across Queensland will share in more than \$546 000 in funding as part of QDEP Round 16.

Events awarded funding in Round 16 include:

- Dust Hustle: Qld Moto Park
- Brisbane Comedy Festival
- The Planting
- Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival
- 12 Towers Ocean Paddle Race 2021
- Gold Coast Triathlon: Luke Harrop Memorial
- Gold Coast Running Festival
- BOWLZILLA Gold Coast
- St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend
- Birdsville Big Red Bash (2021 – 2023)
- Lost Trades Fair
- Kingaroy BaconFest
- Festival of Hell
- Noosa Summer Swim Festival
- Goomeri Pumpkin Festival
- Sunshine Coast Multisport Festival
- Australian Body Art Festival 2021
- Jungle Love Festival
- Isuzu Queensland Open
- Northern Australian Beach 5s Rugby Championship 2021
- Port Douglas Hot & Steamy Festival
- Yarrabah Music and Cultural Festival 2021
- Yungaburra Triathlon

Applications received for Round 17 of QDEP are currently being assessed.

Applications are also now open for Round 18 for events to be staged from September 2021 to September 2022. All event proponents are encouraged to check out the QDEP guidelines on the TEQ website ([www.teq.queensland.com](http://www.teq.queensland.com)) and apply before the round closes on 3 February 2021.

TEQ is focused on supporting and rebuilding the *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar.

## **ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **2020 ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **No. 2**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-135 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to supporting the tourism industry's recovery, will the Minister provide an update on the Tourism Business Capability Training and Funding Program?

**ANSWER:**

Having a strong and resilient tourism industry has been a long-standing priority of this government and building the capability of the tourism sector is now more critical than ever to enable the industry to recover and strengthen post COVID-19.

Since 2018, the Queensland Government has funded the Tourism Industry Business Capability Development Program with \$3 million over three years.

Through this important program, the Queensland Government is supporting small to medium sized tourism operators to increase their knowledge and skills, resulting in them being more competitive, adaptive and resilient.

The program is industry-led and delivered by the Queensland Tourism Industry Council in collaboration with government, Tourism and Events Queensland, the Regional Tourism Organisations and other industry partners. The program is reviewed annually to ensure it is tailored to best suit the current needs of the operators and the regions in which they are based.

Years 1 and 2 of the Program focused on two key themes - Digital Readiness and Trade Readiness. The Program is now in Year 3 and is supporting businesses to refocus and be competitive in a primarily domestic market for 2020/21 with topics under the themes of: COVID-19 reopening and preparation; pivoting a product; business innovation; domestic trade and distribution; and domestic marketing.

As of 20 November 2020, the program has supported the delivery of 1449 activities with 2304 participants including 69 Indigenous tourism businesses, covering all 13 tourism regions of the state.

This includes holding 178 workshops, completing 755 digital health-checks, mentoring 715 operators, supporting the development of 133 new fact sheets, 110 new rate sheets, 20 new sales and marketing plans, 17 operators attending new trade show events, 11 operators participating in a trade roadshow and eight videos.

In 2020/2021, the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport, through this program, will be supporting up to 1100 tourism businesses to receive as many as four personalised one on one coaching sessions in order to 'transform' and 'build back better', as they recover from the pandemic. The Queensland Government encourages all Queensland tourism operators to register to participate in this valuable program, provided at no cost to businesses.

The Program complements the Government's broader suite of small business and innovation programs including those delivered under 'Advancing Small Business Queensland' by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training.

An election commitment of \$4 million over four years has been made to support additional business capability training and to conduct research to future-proof the industry.

## **ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **2020 ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **No. 3**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-133 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to supporting innovation hubs and precincts, will the Minister provide an update on the regional innovation hubs?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland has a thriving network of Innovation Hubs across the state. Innovation hubs play a vital role in the success of emerging and current industries, driving economic growth and creating high-value jobs in our regions.

The Advance Queensland initiative has provided close to \$12.4 million of funding to support the establishment of innovation hubs across Queensland.

Never before has innovation been so important in what is an increasingly digital economy. Queensland's innovation hubs are supporting regional companies to participate in and benefit from the digital economy, building strong sustainable businesses.

The \$1.2 million Regional Startup Hubs Support Program is supporting regionally based startup hubs and groups in Queensland to build their capability to deliver programs and activities to attract, inspire and build the knowledge and skills of local innovators.

Funded hubs are located across the state in areas that include Far North Queensland, Wide Bay, Darling Downs, Mackay-Whitsunday, Ipswich and Logan. Thousands of local innovators are participating in the innovation events and activities delivered through these hubs.

Advance Queensland is also backing Smart Precinct NQ located in Townsville, with \$500 000 from the Advancing Regional Innovation Program, to support high growth business in North Queensland to be globally competitive.

James Cook University (JCU) was provided \$10 million in Advance Queensland funding towards the establishment of the JCU Ideas Lab. The lab will translate JCU's teaching and research into innovation that generates jobs and economic growth for Cairns and the broader region, creating products and processes with real commercial application.



A new \$3 million Agtech and Logistics Hub in Toowoomba will build local capacity to use technology and innovation to revolutionise farming practices, improve supply chains and commercialise new technology.

The Queensland Government has also partnered with Central Queensland University to deliver an Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre in Rockhampton to create jobs in the agricultural technology, mining and manufacturing industries. The centre opened in September and provides opportunities for Central Queenslanders to expand their career options and generate new business opportunities, meaning more jobs for the region.

Innovation hubs located in Brisbane are equally focused on building capability and opportunities in all regions across Queensland. The new Immersive Technology Hub and the \$5 million Artificial Intelligence Hub will develop local talent across regions and help connect businesses, industry, government organisations, and universities across Queensland to talent and technologies.

In addition to these physical spaces, the Queensland Government has launched the QiHub. This online hub is the entrepreneur-led community that showcases and connects Queensland's vibrant innovation and startup ecosystem and is a place to discover all the state's entrepreneurs in one convenient location.

With the support of these initiatives, our regions are transforming into hubs for innovation and enterprise, supporting our local communities to develop and strengthen economies that generate new businesses and jobs growth, now and for the future.

## **ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **2020 ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **No. 4**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-135 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to attracting and facilitating new tourism infrastructure investors in Queensland, will the Minister provide an update on how the Great Keppel Island rejuvenation project is progressing?

**ANSWER:**

A strong tourism industry on Great Keppel Island is important for tourism in the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Great Keppel Island will play a central role in post COVID-19 economic recovery in Central Queensland.

Great Keppel Island is the jewel in the crown of Central Queensland's tourism industry as highlighted by recent performance, which has seen some operators experience the best visitor numbers in recent years. However, the island still has significant untapped potential.

The Palaszczuk Government understands the tourism potential of Great Keppel Island, which is why the Government made an election commitment to provide \$30 million towards common-user infrastructure to stimulate tourism on the island.

This commitment was critical in attracting investor interest in the former Great Keppel Island Resort, with the current leaseholder, Tower Holdings, in negotiations to transfer its leases to Altum Property Group. The sale of the Great Keppel Island Resort is yet to be finalised, however, the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS) is getting on with delivering the infrastructure that Great Keppel Island needs to attract more visitors.

Potential common-user infrastructure options under consideration include a jetty and barge ramp; solar power; visitor facilities including amenities, shade and seating; new and upgraded walking trails, a viewing platform and water treatment. DTIS is currently consulting with key stakeholders about the options they want to see prioritised to encourage tourism and business opportunities.

DTIS knows that a new common-user wastewater treatment plant is a priority for the island and necessary to support any future tourism growth, and the Government has committed to deliver this and are planning to have engineers on the island assessing site options before the end of the year.

DTIS also plans to commence other priority works as soon as possible to ensure much needed infrastructure is in place to support tourism operators and to enhance the visitor experience.

## ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### 2020 ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING

#### QUESTION ON NOTICE

##### No. 5

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-136 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to providing support to the Queensland sport and recreation industry, will the Minister provide an update on how the Gabba naming rights is progressing?

**ANSWER:**

In 2018, the independently authored Stadium Taskforce undertook a review of Stadiums Queensland, the entity set up by the Queensland Government to own and operate the State's major sports facilities.

The Stadium Taskforce provided recommendations that sought to investigate and improve the commerciality of The Gabba.

Recommendation 5.3 of the Stadium Taskforce Interim Report recommended *“the naming rights for The Gabba be put out to tender, subject to retaining “Gabba” in the stadium name. This will reduce the need for taxpayer subsidy and allow investment in ageing infrastructure including turnstiles and facilities”*.

The Queensland Government supported this recommendation as part of its response to the Stadium Taskforce.

The intent of putting out to tender the naming rights for The Gabba was to generate additional revenue for the venue that could be directed back into the venue to support the main hirers, such as the Brisbane Lions, Queensland Cricket and Cricket Australia.

In response, Stadiums Queensland, supported by consultants and Government agencies including Queensland Treasury, undertook a three stage tender process to secure naming rights for The Gabba. This process concluded in early 2020 with a preferred proponent identified.

While the details of any submissions made during the tender process are commercial-in-confidence, the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed government consideration of this matter.

It should be noted that The Gabba, while being a venue that has been in operation and hosting sporting events in Brisbane for over a century, has evolved during the past two years since the Stadium Taskforce recommendations.

For example, the Queensland Government invested \$35 million in upgrading the venue, with these significant improvements completed in time for The Gabba to host the AFL Grand Final on 24 October 2020, the first time in the competition's 123 year history the Grand Final was played outside of Victoria.

Additionally, the Cross River Rail Woolloongabba Station is being built directly across the road from the venue and this will have a once in a lifetime positive impact on The Gabba with the venue's accessibility increasing dramatically.

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### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **No. 6**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-136 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to growing elite success and athlete pathways, will the Minister provide an update on the World Surfing Reserves?

**ANSWER:**

World Surfing Reserves are globally significant surfing sites, or those with an outstanding series of surf breaks, awarded by Saves the Waves Coalition, a non-government organisation. Of the 10 declared and two currently nominated World Surfing Reserves, Queensland is home to two, Noosa and the Gold Coast.

In 2015, the Palaszczuk Government made an Election Commitment to secure the declaration of a World Surfing Reserve at Gold Coast's southern beaches and surf breaks from Burleigh Heads to Snapper Rocks. This commitment was achieved in March 2016 when Save the Waves Coalition declared the southern Gold Coast as the world's eighth World Surfing Reserve.

Existing regulatory frameworks across all levels of government largely protect World Surfing Reserves in Queensland. The Noosa and Gold Coast local governments already do a fantastic job in protecting their surfing amenity for communities and visitors to enjoy.

To address concerns that there may still be gaps in protection for Queensland's iconic surfing reserves, the Government made a further commitment in March 2020 to work with community to consider legislation, alongside other options, to fully protect the Noosa and Gold Coast World Surfing Reserves. This includes looking at the enhanced assessment of development to better consider impacts on the waves.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to working with local governments and other key stakeholders to safeguard these natural assets as part of the Activate! Queensland 2019-2029 Strategy and Our Activ8 2019-2022 Action Plan.

Activate! Queensland and its first three-year action plan target government investment to drive delivery of sport and active recreation opportunities for all Queenslanders to promote healthier, more active lifestyles. This includes the delivery of quality and accessible places and spaces that improve and support liveability and physical activity in our communities.

Protecting World Surfing Reserves supports the delivery of Activate! Queensland's commitment to growing elite success and athlete pathways by ensuring the diversity of quality waves that will underpin the success of Queensland's current and future high-performance surfers are protected now and into the future. It also supports the continuation of high quality competitors from amateur to professional surfing competitions already held at both World Surfing Reserves.

Ensuring Queensland's World Surfing Reserves at the Gold Coast and Noosa are fully protected into the future will provide coastal communities and visitors with ongoing exceptional opportunities to be active outdoors, improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing, while also supporting community liveability in those areas in a sustainable way.

Since the first Roundtable meeting on 4 March 2020, the Department has been working with the diverse membership of the Ministerial Surfing Roundtable (including from the Queensland Government, local councils, surfing organisations, First Nations peoples and World Surfing Reserve local stewardship committees) to look at improving protections for Queensland's World Surfing Reserves.

At its second meeting in August 2020, the Roundtable agreed to finalise a discussion paper seeking stakeholder views on the values of and potential threats to our World Surfing Reserves. A public consultation process opened on 2 October 2020 and closed on 30 November 2020. Consultation results are now being analysed and will be communicated to Roundtable members and the broader community in early 2021.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to work in partnership with key stakeholders to develop enhanced protections for World Surfing Reserves including through legislative and non-legislative approaches.

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-136 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to enhancing equity and inclusion in sport, will the Minister provide an update on the female facilities program?

**ANSWER:**

In October 2017, the Palaszczuk Government released the Female Facilities Program with the aim of developing functional and inclusive female change rooms and amenities that meet the current and future needs of sport and recreation participants.

In February 2018, 45 projects were approved for funding of \$15.2 million toward a total project cost of \$17.9 million.

40 of these projects have now been completed with five projects still active and expected to be completed by mid-2021.

As part of the *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029* strategy, the Government will target investment that ensures universally designed infrastructure that promotes equitable access to participation opportunities for all, including women and girls, Queenslanders who identify as LGBTIQ+, seniors and people with a disability.

Universal design ensures buildings and environments are innately accessible and inclusive to as many people as possible, regardless of age, gender, level of ability or cultural background.

In 2019, under the Active Community Infrastructure Program, an initiative under the *Activate! Queensland 2019-29* strategy, 26 female-friendly facilities have been funded to date, totalling \$11.9 million.

Five of these projects funded under the Active Community Infrastructure Program have been completed, with 21 projects in various stages of construction and pre-construction.

The Palaszczuk Government is continuing to deliver both dedicated female amenities and universally designed facilities that help to support and encourage more women and girls to get involved in sport and active recreation.



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#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-133 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to continuing to support a strong pipeline of start-ups and scaleups, will the Minister provide an update on COVID-19 response support for innovators?

**ANSWER:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant economic impacts, including on startups and innovators. When COVID-19 first hit Queensland, the Palaszczuk Government took immediate action to support start-ups and scaleups, including advocacy to close the gaps for pre-revenue startups and innovators in Australian Government business support packages.

Daily digital support sessions were implemented to provide resources, tools, advice, expertise and forums for startups and innovators to learn, upskill and connect with one another. A nine-month rent reprieve was also provided to assist tenants at The Precinct in Fortitude Valley.

Some startups and scaleups were hit hard during the pandemic, while others saw growth. Recognising this, the Government partnered with BDO Australia to deliver virtual business and financial education programs for those growing their business, extending their revenue runways, pressing pause on their business, or deciding to move on.

'Open for Business', an Indigenous business to business support service and hotline was established. The service supports Indigenous businesses and innovators to navigate the wealth of information available on COVID-19 and the resources available to help Queensland businesses during the pandemic, and to do so in a culturally trusted way.

Registrations were also opened for "One Business", a program delivered in collaboration with TAFE Queensland to provide culturally appropriate training and coaching for Indigenous businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs across all sectors and around the state to pivot to digital solutions and consolidate their business skills.

Advance Queensland programs were realigned, such as the Industry Research Fellowships, to focus on projects that address the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery, or preparedness for possible future events of similar scale. Through the Industry Research Fellowships, \$6.145 million was committed to back more than 30 Queensland research projects aimed at combatting the pandemic.

Round 7 of the Ignite Ideas Fund was launched to support the growth of Queensland small to medium sized businesses, with up to \$200 000 towards commercialisation of innovative products, processes, and services.

Queensland Founders are doing it tough. That is why the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport is providing support with access to mental health services through the Mental Health for Founders program. The program supports startups with access to mental health services, with close to 300 hours of free mental health consultations have been made available for Queensland founders through this program.

The Palaszczuk Government provided entrepreneurs in regional Queensland with free access to Startup Onramp's online Founders Course, helping innovators with a roadmap for their startup journey, featuring insights from some of Australia's leading startup experts.

This crisis has highlighted the importance of the Queensland innovation ecosystem, and the strength of the entrepreneurial spirit. Many Queensland startups and innovative businesses have pivoted to develop innovative solutions and technologies that respond and adapt to the issues posed by the pandemic. The Palaszczuk Government will continue to support Queensland innovators in the building of a strong, sustainable, adaptive economy that will create jobs now, and for the future.

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#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **No. 9**

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-133 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to ensuring that all Queenslanders benefit from the emerging knowledge-based economy, will the Minister provide an update on the Palaszczuk Government's regional innovation strategy?

**ANSWER:**

Our regions are rich with innovation potential, and regional Queenslanders are natural innovators. Building new, diverse economies in our regions is integral for our state's economic recovery from COVID-19 and remains a major priority for this Government.

To date, the Palaszczuk Government has committed more than \$163 million in Advance Queensland funding to more than 4300 regional innovators. Over 11 000 jobs have been supported through their projects.

Through the \$6 million Advancing Regional Innovation Program that commenced in 2017, our regions are driving new economies and new jobs. The program is enabling local entrepreneurs, business leaders and key industries to harness innovation, strengthening existing industries and preparing regional Queenslanders for the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow.

The Palaszczuk Government continues to be focused on turning Queensland's regions into hubs of innovation. For instance, initiatives such as the Agtech and Logistics Hub in Toowoomba will help grow the adoption of innovation and technology in the agriculture industry, through facilitated connections, collaboration, partnerships, and opportunities to solve industry's biggest challenges.

The new \$2.8 million Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre at Central Queensland University in Rockhampton opened in September this year, providing opportunities for Central Queenslanders to expand their career options and generate new business opportunities, creating more jobs for the region.

The new facility provides opportunities for the community, local businesses, farmers, and students to use the space and equipment to access training and advice, make connections with others and catalyse innovations into commercial success.

Regional innovative businesses are driving local job growth. For example, BCF Concreting Solutions is an Indigenous Rockhampton business that is nationally recognised for innovation within the agricultural and concrete construction sector. Their development of GPS solutions, supported through Advance Queensland Deadly Deals funding, has already helped them secure \$150 000 in new work contracts and expand their workforce with local Indigenous employment, supporting three new jobs, and they are confident of future business growth.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building on the great investment that has been made to date to help regional economies grow through innovation and support the creation of jobs for today and jobs for tomorrow across Queensland.

That is why the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport is working with our regional partners and developing a new Regional Innovation Strategy to guide the next phase of building innovation in the regions.

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 2-135 of Volume 2 of the Service Delivery Statements, and the reference to supporting the rebuilding of the Queensland major events calendar, will the Minister provide an update on COVID safe events?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland's tourism and events industry has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, making 2020 a year the industry will never forget.

Due to the restrictions on mass gatherings in the early stages of the Government's COVID-19 response to keep Queenslanders safe, events across the country were cancelled, postponed or adapted and delivered virtually.

Queensland's strong response to controlling the spread of COVID-19 meant that events were allowed to go ahead from 3 July 2020, under the Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events. The Framework, operating in conjunction with other approved COVID Safe Industry Plans and COVID Safe Professional Sporting Code Plans, provides a pathway for events in Queensland to be planned and delivered in a COVID-safe manner.

Queensland has played a critical role in enabling numerous Australian sporting codes to stage their competitions in 2020, including the 2020 Toyota AFL Premiership, the Suncorp Super Netball Series, the CommBank T20 and One Day International women's cricket series and the Women's National Basketball League season currently being played in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

Since June 2020, the Tourism Response Team (TRT), comprising of representatives from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ), has assisted over 250 event organisers with COVID-19 event related enquiries.

As Queensland's leading marketing, destination and experience development and major events agency, TEQ continues to work collaboratively with government, industry and Queensland destination partners to identify, attract, develop and promote major events in Queensland that deliver significant tourism outcomes for the regions in which they are held.

In addition to the restart of sport such as the NRL, AFL and Super Netball in Queensland, TEQ's portfolio of events restarted from August 2020 with the staging of the Jeff Horn v Tim Tszyu boxing event in Townsville, the Townsville Supercars Double Header, Brisbane Festival and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.

In September 2020, TEQ launched a new events calendar featuring events across Queensland scheduled to take place from September to December 2020 in a COVID Safe manner.

The successful staging of these and other events across Queensland has enabled restrictions to ease further. Events held in stadiums are now able to have 100 per cent capacity. Seated and ticketed indoor events are also able to have 100 percent capacity, which is a significant boost to many events and nearby businesses. The TRT continues to work closely with Queensland Health to facilitate the staging of COVID-safe events in an efficient manner.

The Queensland Government will continue to market the events calendar to drive visitors to experience Queensland's COVID Safe events and boost the Queensland economy.

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, can the Minister advise the allocated funding for events in 2019/20, the actual funding provided for events in 2019/20 and the budget for events in 2020/21 (reported separately by event and year)?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS) has wholly or partly funded events as follows:

<b>2019-20 Budget</b>	<b>2019-20 Actuals</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>
\$5,512,457	\$4,870,077	\$24,859,543

As individual contracts are commercial-in-confidence, the budget for each event cannot be disclosed as this may result in a breach of contract between the Queensland Government and the event organiser.

Multi-year contracts are in place for some events, with the payments occurring over multiple years. As a result, payments for one event may be made over two or three financial years and cannot be attributed to the financial year in which the event was held.

For some events, funding contributions are made from multiple agency's portfolios. The events captured in the above table include:

- ICC T20 World Cup
- 2020 Toyota AFL Premiership Hub
- 2020 Toyota AFL Grand Final and Pinnacle Events
- 2020 Suncorp Super Netball Series
- 2020 Telstra NRL Premiership
- Queensland Country Bank Stadium – Event Attraction
- Queensland Country Bank Stadium – English Premier League Pre-Season Friendly
- North Queensland Events Package
- FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
- NRL Magic Round (2019, 2020, 2021)
- TV Week Logies (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Cairns Temporary Arena – Event Attraction
- Sugar Sugar Musical
- Women of the World Festival (2020, 2021).

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, can the Minister advise the budgeted and actual funding in 2019/20 (reported separately) for a) Growing Tourism, Growing Tourism Jobs Programs (itemised by program) b) the Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot, and c) the Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) Economic Transition Strategy?

ANSWER:

The budgeted and actual amounts for the programs identified are outlined in the table below:

<b>Program</b>	<b>2019-20 Original Budget (\$'000)</b>	<b>2019-20 Actual (\$'000)</b>
Growing Tourism, Growing Tourism Jobs		
<i>Attracting Tourism Fund</i>	20,900	20,619
<i>Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund</i>	21,503	19,630
<i>Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund</i>	3,627	4,326
<i>Great Barrier Reef Island Resort Rejuvenation</i>	24,407	18,558
<i>Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot</i>	17,745	781
Minjerribah Futures	4,839	6,315



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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 143 of the SDS, for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years (broken down by individual year) the (a) budget tourism marketing expenditure and (b) actual tourism marketing expenditure to date?

ANSWER:

Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) is the Queensland Government's lead marketing, destination and experience development and major events agency.

Marketing expenditure for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years is:

	<b>2019-20</b>		<b>2020-21</b>	
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual*</b>
<b>Tourism Marketing</b>	\$44,967,092	\$36,777,089	\$33,609,585	\$9,278,010

\*2020-21 represents expenditure to date as at 30 November 2020 and has not been audited

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, will the Minister advise the total annual expenditure relating to conferences, workshops, catering and other hospitality expenses by departments and agencies under the administration of the Minister for 2019-20 and the budgeted amount of 2020-21?

ANSWER:

	<b>2019-20 Actual financial year</b>		<b>2020-21 budgeted financial year</b>	
	Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport	Tourism and Events Queensland	Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport	Tourism and Events Queensland
Expenditure on conferences workshops catering and other hospitality expenses	\$85,311	\$1,141,541	\$47,620	\$345,000

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, will the Minister outline the number of fraud and/or misconduct investigations currently being undertaken either by the department or the Crime and Corruption Commission, regarding the department or Tourism and Events Queensland employees with specific reference to the overall types of complaints and the number of staff currently on suspension as a result of these investigations?

ANSWER:

It is not appropriate to comment on investigations currently being undertaken by either the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport, Tourism and Events Queensland or the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The Public Service Commission meets its legislative requirement under section 88N of the *Public Service Act 2008* to publish annual conduct and performance data by 30 September each year.

A link to this report is below:

<https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/2019-20-conduct-and-performance-data>

The Public Service Commission data does not include matters involving corrupt conduct.

Corrupt conduct matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) and a corruption allegations data dashboard is published at [Corruption allegations data dashboard | CCC - Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland](#)

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, will the Minister advise for the 2019-20 actual financial year and 2020-21 budgeted financial year (in table format by individual financial year) (a) the headcount number of contractors and labour hire staff in the department and Tourism and Events Queensland, (b) all expenses associated with contractors and labour hire staff in the department and Tourism and Events Queensland and (c) headcount number of staff seconded to the department and Tourism and Events Queensland from any other State Government entity?

ANSWER:

	<b>2019-20 Actual financial year</b>		<b>2020-21 budgeted financial year</b>	
	Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport	Tourism and Events Queensland	Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport	Tourism and Events Queensland
Contractors and labour hire staff headcount	79	11	87	Nil
Contractors and labour hire expenses	\$18,171,422	\$1,516,458	\$14,947,647	Nil
Headcount of number of staff seconded into the agency from any other State Government entity	32	Nil	18	Nil

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of all overseas related travel departmental expenses (in table format, per financial year and per country) for 2018-19 and 2019-20?

ANSWER:

Departmental expenditure for overseas trips taken in 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the functions that now fall under the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport are listed in the tables below.

<b>2018-2019</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Agency Cost \$</b>
USA	84,912.01
United Kingdom	10,016.39
Philippines	11,818.76
Singapore	1,608.00
New Zealand	9,637.21
Tokyo	7,884.00
Hong Kong	958.06
Canada	2,018.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,853.20</b>

<b>2019-2020</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Agency Cost \$</b>
USA	13,077.25
United Kingdom	6,097.76
Singapore	3,324.28
New Zealand	2,015.38
Hong Kong	1,961.93
Canada	759.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,236.00</b>

As part of Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies, published by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, agencies must disclose information in relation to overseas travel expenditure.

A detailed comprehensive listing can be found in the [Queensland Government Open Data Portal](#) under the former Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation and Department of Housing and Public Works.

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, can the Minister advise the amount of allocated funding to Advance Queensland programs in 2019/20, the amount of funding budgeted to Advance Queensland programs in 2019/20, the amount of funding budgeted to Advance Queensland programs in 2020/21 and the number of Advance Queensland programs that have ended or been discontinued (reported separately by year and individual program)?

ANSWER:

Advance Queensland is the Queensland Government's vision for the future and a significant investment in a stronger, diversified Queensland economy. Advance Queensland creates employment, generates new economic opportunities and is continuing to develop the knowledge-based jobs of today and tomorrow.

In 2019-2020, \$26.5 million for Advance Queensland programs was fully allocated.

The amount of funding budgeted to Advance Queensland programs in 2019-20 was \$26.5 million.

The amount of funding budgeted to Advance Queensland programs in 2020-21 is \$11.5 million.

The number of Advance Queensland programs that have ended or been discontinued is 15.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Programs ended or discontinued</b>
2016	1
2017	4
2018	4
2019	3
2020	3

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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 132 of the SDS, will the Minister disclose the total value of hospitality, event and travel expenses relating to all programs associated with Advance Queensland for 2019/20 broken down by (a) costs associated with the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur, (b) costs associated with the Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur and (c) all other costs?

ANSWER:

The Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur builds and promotes the importance and contribution of entrepreneurship and investment in Queensland.

A key activity of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur is hosting educational and business events and undertaking regional engagements that bring together Queensland startups, entrepreneurs, investors, incubator and accelerator members, and mentors from across Queensland.

Throughout the 2019-20 financial year, the Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur hosted 18 face-to-face events and 36 virtual events with approximately 1000 in-person attendees, and over 12 000 virtual attendees.

In 2019-20, the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur visited 30 cities and towns and met with 4488 people.

	<b>Hospitality \$</b>	<b>Travel \$</b>	<b>Events \$</b>
<b>Queensland Chief Entrepreneur</b>	0	10,828	0
<b>Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur</b>	14,206	18,742	12,113
<b>All other costs</b>	7,612	86,924	21,855
<b>Total</b>	21,818	116,494	33,968



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**THE ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 137 of the SDS, will the Minister provide a breakdown of funding for Queensland Active Precincts by individual government venue for (a) the 2019/20 actual capital spend and (b) the \$26.668 million 2020-21 budgeted spend?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Active Precincts Capital Works Program is a three year, \$40 million investment to transition the Gold Coast Recreation Centre, Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre and Townsville Sports and Recreation Precincts into flexible, community focused facilities that encourage and inspire increased participation in sport and recreation programs and activities.

The Queensland Active Precincts will serve as exemplar facilities to be emulated by local authorities and the sport and recreation industry.

The below table outlines a breakdown of funding for Queensland Active Precincts by individual venue, the 2019/2020 actual spend and the 2020/2021 budgeted spend.

Of the \$26.668 million referenced on page 2-137 of the SDS, \$21.8 million is capital works expenditure for the Queensland Active Precincts. The remaining funding is in relation to the \$4.5 million for the Wangetti Trail and the \$355,000 for the Queensland Recreation Centre.

Venue	Project	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget
<b>Gold Coast Recreation Centre</b>	Accommodation Stage 2 Upgrade	\$818102	
	Aerial Adventure Park	\$938 571	
	Frontage Improvement and Fence Realignment	\$442 128	
	Multipurpose Court Precinct	\$222 456	\$6 000 000

<b>Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre</b>	Aerial Adventure Park	\$857 258	
	Shelly's Accommodation Redevelopment	\$4 957 396	
	Pool Filtration and change room upgrade	\$12 052	
	Multi-purpose Court Precinct	\$76 407	\$4 545 509
<b>Townsville Sports and Recreation Precinct</b>	Frontage and Fencing Upgrade	\$179 904	
	Multi-purpose Court Precinct	\$126 551	\$11 254 491
<b>Magnetic Island Recreation Camp</b>	New Amenities Block	\$99 175	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$8730 000</b>	<b>\$21 800 000</b>

\*note 2020-2021 budget as per the SDS is for the 7 month period

## Document tabled at the public hearing – 7 December 2020

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<b>1.</b>	Document tabled by Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore (with leave of the committee)
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Subject: Paul Simshauser Background  
From: Mark Bailey (mangocube6@yahoo.co.uk)  
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Date: Wednesday, 22 April 2015, 12:15

Tabled by: \_\_\_\_\_  
At: 1.10 pm  
Date: 07/12/20  
Signature: *Mark Bailey*

Here's some background on Paul Simshauser. I rarely read crikey but this is a substantial piece.

At this stage, I'm not advocating a position on him re DG but do say we need to be thorough about him as the last thing we need is a QPC Chair with an ideological perspective contra to ours and contra to our platform. We'll do some more digging to be clearer whether his anti renewable stance is just an AGL work role or his own professional view. Mark

<http://www.crikey.com.au/2014/11/26/meet-the-finance-academic-preaching-agl-onomics/>

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#### Attachments

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## Answers to questions taken on notice at the public hearing – 7 December 2020

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<b>1.</b>	8 December 2020 – Hon Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Investment – Response to questions taken on notice at the public hearing for the consideration of the 2020-21 portfolio budget estimates held on 7 December 2020
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Dear Mr Power

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Yours sincerely



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## Supplementary material provided by Ministers

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<b>3.</b>	18 December 2020 – Hon Curtis Pitt MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly – Further information in relation to a response to a pre-hearing question on notice





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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Dick', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Dear Mr Power

I write to you regarding the Estimates Hearing for my Innovation, Sport and Tourism Industry Development portfolios on 7 December 2020, by the Economics and Governance Committee (the Committee).

Upon reviewing the Hansard Proof from the Estimates Hearing, I have identified a number of clarifications in relation to my portfolio that I would like to bring to the Committee's attention.

1. The below clarification relates to the transcript on page 114 in relation to a question from Mr Crisafulli about Great Keppel Island.

Attributable to the Acting Director General, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (**MR LEE**):

*"In terms of the two financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 there were funds expended to the total value of \$3.14 million. For 2019-20 there was another \$781,000. Therefore, that totals \$3.93 million. "*

In terms of the two financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 there were funds expended to the total value of \$3.054 million. For 2019-20 there was another \$781,000. Therefore, that totals \$3.93 million including year to date for 20/21.

2. The below clarification relates to the transcript on page 119 in relation to a question from Ms MacMahon about the Women's National Basketball League playing a part in North Queensland's economic recovery.

Attributable to myself (**MR HINCHLIFFE**):

*"we have invested \$3 million towards securing the 2020 WNBL".*

The actual amount invested in the WNBL is commercial-in-confidence. The \$3 million referenced here is the total funding for the North Queensland Events Package.

3. The below clarification relates to the transcript on page 122 in relation to a question from Mr Mander about the Gabba Naming Rights EOI Process.

Attributable to the Acting Director-General, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport **(MR LEE)**:

*"The total expense for the EOI was \$133,377".*

The total expense for the EOI was \$134,075.

Please also find attached proposed corrections to pages 48, 96, 97 110 and 122 of the Hansard Proof.

I provide these clarifications and corrections for the Committee's consideration and ask that this additional information be provided with the Committee's final Estimates Report.

Should your officers have any queries, please have them contact Ms Kate Adams, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



**STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP**  
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Dear Mr Power

#### Further response to question on notice

I refer to my response to question on notice no. 11 providing a breakdown of the work of the Legislative Assembly from the 49<sup>th</sup> Parliament to the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament. At the time the question was asked, the total hours spent on government bills for the 49<sup>th</sup> to the 51<sup>st</sup> Parliaments was not available. This information has now been compiled. An updated table is provided below.

Parliament	No. of sitting days	Total sitting hours [hrs:mins]	Average hours of sitting day [hrs:mins]	Total hours – spent on government bills [hrs:mins]	Total bills passed
49 <sup>th</sup> July 1998 to Jan 2001	119	1383:08	11:37	588:00	176
50 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2001 to Jan 2004	145	1629:01	11:14	773:34	279
51 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2004 to Aug 2006	118	1311:27	11:07	596:15	168
52 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2006 to Feb 2009	98	1152:35	11:45	502:47	160

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<b>53<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Apr 2009 to Feb 2012</b>	126	1486:48	11:48	682:00	154
<b>54<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May 2012 to Jan 2015</b>	114	1218:59	10:41	561:08	170
<b>55<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Mar 2015 to Oct 2017</b>	110	1197:56	10:53	490:51	145
<b>56<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Feb 2018 to Oct 2020</b>	101	983:36	9:44	408:40	105

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Parliament, Neil Laurie on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



**HON CURTIS PITT MP**  
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