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Chair's Foreword

This report details the activities of the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee from 28 November 2024 to 30 June 2025.

In accordance with section 108 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, this report includes a summary of issues considered by the committee, a brief description of Ministerial responses to committee recommendations, a statement of revenue and spending for the year, and a list of committee meetings and names of members attending or absent from each meeting.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the work of the committee during this reporting period.

I also thank my fellow committee members for their ongoing dedication and collaborative approach and the committee's secretariat and parliamentary staff for their professional support throughout the year.



Marty Hunt MP

Chair

Report in Brief

The Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee (committee) was established by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 28 November 2024 as a portfolio committee with responsibility for:

- Attorney-General, Justice and Integrity
- Police and Emergency Services
- Youth Justice, Victim Support and Corrective Services

This report covers the period from 28 November 2024 to 30 June 2025 in the 2024-25 financial period. In that time, the committee:



examined

7

bills¹



held

24

public briefings and
hearings



conducted

0

site visits

The committee's examination of referred bills included proposals to:

- include over 30 serious criminal offences in the 'adult crime, adult time' sentencing scheme as part of the *Making Queensland Safer Act 2024*
- restore the power of the Crime and Corruption Commission to report publicly about corruption investigations
- extend the trial of electronic monitoring for child offenders by one year to allow for a comprehensive review of the trial
- expand and make permanent 'Jack's Law'—allowing police officers to use a hand-held scanner to detect knives or other weapons in certain places
- implement four recommendations of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council (QSAC) report, *Sentencing of Sexual Assault and Rape: The Ripple Effect* (the Report).²

Following consideration, the committee recommended that each bill be passed. All recommendations were accepted by the government.

In addition to scrutinising legislation, the committee examined four annual reports—those of the Queensland Ombudsman, Office of the Information Commissioner, Office of the

¹ This includes 6 bill inquiries that were completed, and 1 bill inquiry in which public proceedings were completed. The report of this latter inquiry was completed in the 2025-26 financial year.

² Corrective Services (Emerging Technologies and Security) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

Integrity Commissioner, and the Queensland Family and Child Commission—and self-referred *Auditor-General Report 15: 2023-24 Reducing serious youth crime* for inquiry. A public briefing with the newly established Office of the Victims' Commissioner was also held as part of the committee's oversight responsibilities.

On 24 June 2025, the Appropriation Bill 2025 was tabled in Parliament and the committee commenced preparation for its examination of portfolio budget estimates 2025-26. The estimates process will be finalised in the next reporting period.

The committee's total expenditure for the reporting period was \$394,510.

1. Functions of the Committee

The Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee is a portfolio committee responsible for:

- Attorney-General, Justice and Integrity
- Police and Emergency Services
- Youth Justice, Victim Support and Corrective Services

The committee has a broad range of responsibilities within its portfolio area, as detailed in Figure 1 below. These responsibilities are set out in the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.³ The committee is also responsible for overseeing the performance of the Electoral Commissioner, Information Commissioner, Integrity Commissioner, Queensland Ombudsman, Queensland Family and Child Commission, Queensland Human Rights Commission and the Victims' Commissioner—as detailed in Schedule 6 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.

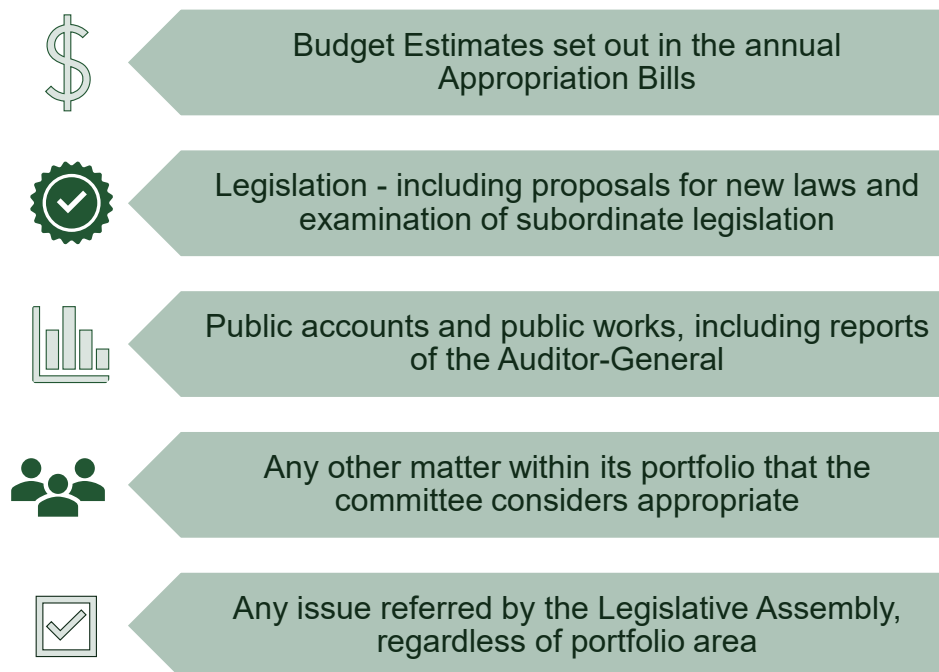


Figure 1. Committees have oversight responsibilities for a range of matters within dedicated portfolio areas

2. Overview of Committee Activities

During the period 28 November 2024 to 30 June 2025, the committee undertook considerable engagement with stakeholders who made submissions to its inquiries. As detailed in Table 1, the committee heard from 192 witnesses across 7 public briefings and 17 public hearings.

³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* s 92-94 (PQA).

The committee's reports tabled during the reporting period are available on the committee's website. Members' attendance at committee meetings, hearings and briefings is set out in **Appendix A** – of this report.

Table 1. Committee activities undertaken in the reporting period

Activity	Number
Deliberative meetings	36
Public proceedings	24
• Public briefings	7
• Public hearings	17
- Brisbane	13
- Regional Queensland	4
Witnesses questioned at private and public briefings and hearings	192
Inquiry submissions received	492
Interactions with Schedule 6 oversight bodies ⁴	5
Bill inquiries	7
Pieces of subordinate legislation examined	67
Forms authorised by legislation considered	9
Public works inquiries	0
Public account inquiries	0
Annual reports of portfolio entities examined	4
Auditor-General reports examined	1
Inquiries referred by the Legislative Assembly	0
Inquiries into other matters (self-referred)	0
Reports tabled	10

3. Examination of Budget Estimates

On 24 June 2025, the Appropriation Bill 2025 was tabled in Parliament. The committee then commenced preparations for the examination of the 2025-26 budget estimates for its portfolio areas, which totalled approximately \$9 billion. The estimates process was still in progress at the completion of this reporting period.

⁴ Oversight hearings were held with five bodies—the Electoral Commissioner, Information Commissioner, Integrity Commissioner, Queensland Ombudsman, Queensland Family and Child Commission, and the Victims' Commissioner.

4. Bill Inquiries

When it examines legislation, the committee is responsible for considering:

- the policy to which it gives effect
- whether it complies with the basic standards of law, known as fundamental legislative principles
- whether it is compatible with the human rights of people in Queensland; and
- where relevant, whether subordinate legislation is lawful.

The committee completed 6 bill inquiries during the reporting period. As shown in Table 2, the committee made one recommendation—that the bill be passed—in relation to each bill it considered. Each recommendation was accepted by Government.⁵

Table 2. Bills examined by the committee, 28 November 2024 to 30 June 2025

Bill	Report No.	Recommendations
Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024	1	1
Trusts Bill 2025	4	1
Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill 2025	6	1
Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill 2025	7	1
Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025	9	1
Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025	10	1

A 7th bill—Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025—was referred to the committee on 20 May 2025. Public proceedings were held on 18 June 2025 and over 190 submissions were received. A report on the bill (Report no. 11) will be tabled in the 2025-26 financial year.

4.1. Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

The primary objective of the Making Queensland Safer Bill was to 'hold young offenders who commit offences (particularly serious offences) to account by ensuring that courts are considering the impacts of offending on victims and can impose appropriate penalties that meet community expectation'.⁶

⁵ The Government has 3 months to response to recommendations made by the committee (PQAs 107(4)).

⁶ Department of Justice, written briefing (Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024), 29 November 2024, p 1.

The Making Queensland Safer Bill made amendments to the *Youth Justice Act 1992* to:

- introduce ‘adult crime, adult time’
- remove the principle of detention as a last resort and that a non-custodial order is better than detention in promoting a child’s ability to reintegrate into the community
- promote the consideration of the impacts of offending on victims in the Charter of Youth Justice Principles and when sentencing a child
- ensure a child’s criminal history reflects their full history
- enable a person’s child criminal history to be admitted when sentenced as an adult
- default to an ‘opt out’ mechanism for victims on the victim information register
- alter the process relating to the transfer of 18-year-old detainees from youth detention centres to adult correctional centres.

The Making Queensland Safer Bill also amended the *Children’s Court Act 1992* to:

- ensure the victim or a member of the victim’s family can be present during criminal proceedings
- enable the media to be present during criminal proceedings by omitting the ability of a court to make an exclusion order under section 20(2).

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Making Queensland Safer Bill be passed. It was passed without amendment on 12 December 2024.

4.2. Trusts Bill 2025

The primary objective of the Trusts Bill 2025 was to replace the current *Trusts Act 1973* (Trusts Act) with modernised, simplified and streamlined legislation to meet the needs of Queenslanders when dealing with all kinds of trusts.

The development of the Trusts Bill 2025 was informed by:

- findings of the Queensland Law Reform Commission’s review of the Trusts Act, which concluded in December 2013
- the report of the former Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee of the 57th Parliament on its inquiry into the Trusts Bill 2024 (2024 Bill), tabled on 2 August 2024.

As large portions of the lapsed 2024 Bill were mirrored in the Trusts Bill 2025, the committee:

- endorsed Report No. 17, 57th Parliament – Trusts Bill 2024 of the former Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee to the extent that the provisions of the 2024 Bill have not been amended in the current Bill
- limited its examination of the Bill to matters raised by the Bill’s provisions which differ from those raised in the 2024 Bill and matters not considered in the former committee’s inquiry regarding the 2024 Bill.

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Trusts Bill 2025 be passed. It was passed without amendment on 1 May 2025.

4.3. Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill 2025

The purpose of the Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill was to extend for 12 months the expiry of section 52AA of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*. Section 52AA of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (YJ Act) allows a court, in certain circumstances, to impose on a grant of bail to a child, who is at least 15 years of age, and whose offending history meets certain criteria, a condition that the child must wear a monitoring device while released on bail. The criteria were designed to target serious repeat offenders.

The extension of the electronic monitoring trial period by one year, allowed time for a comprehensive review to be completed to inform government decisions about electronic monitoring for child offenders.

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill be passed. It was passed without amendment on 2 April 2025.

4.4. Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill 2025

The primary objectives of the Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill were to:

- restore the power to report publicly about corruption investigations, as it was considered to exist before the *Carne* decision in the High Court, and to ensure the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) may also make public statements about these matters
- safeguard against the release of information to the public about corruption matters in circumstances where the risks or harms outweigh any benefits to be derived from releasing the information
- ensure that any residual legal risk that might be attributable to the CCC and its officers in respect of the preparation and publication of past reports and statements is removed

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill be passed. It was passed without amendment on 30 April 2025.

4.5. Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025

The Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill amended section 175A of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (YJ Act) to introduce 'adult crime, adult time' for an additional 20 criminal offences under the *Criminal Code and Drugs Misuse Act 1986*. Additional technical amendments were also made to the YJ Act to allow for persons automatically registered on the victims' register to 'opt out' of receiving information directly regarding an offender's movements and removed a reference to a repealed section of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*.

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill be passed. It was passed without amendment on 21 May 2025.

4.6. Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

The primary objective of the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill was to enhance community safety and security through the expansion of 'Jack's Law' which seeks to prevent knife related crime by authorising police officers to use a handheld scanner to detect knives or other weapons in certain places.

This was achieved by amending the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* to:

- make Jack's Law permanent by removing the sunset clause that scheduled its expiry on 30 October 2026
- allowing a police officer to use a handheld scanner in a relevant place without the need to obtain an authority to do so from a senior police officer
- expanding the application of Jack's Law to include public places, that are not relevant places; by allowing police officers to use a handheld scanner in these areas provided they first obtain authority from a senior police officer
- improving policing efficiencies by streamlining the legislative framework underlying Jack's Law.

There were also a number of secondary objectives, to:

- extend the operational period of the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005* from 16 December 2025 to 16 December 2040
- amend the *Marine Rescue Act 2024* to confirm that Marine Rescue Queensland is a charitable institution for particular purposes
- amend the *State Emergency Service Act 2024* to clarify that any previous appointment of a person as a member of the State Emergency Service is valid.

The committee made 1 recommendation: that the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be passed. It was passed without amendment on 11 June 2025.

5. Other activities

The committee undertook activities during the reporting period in relation to its public accounts, public works and other responsibilities function.

5.1. Public Accounts Inquiries

The committee is responsible for assessing the public accounts of entities within its portfolio areas with regard to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of financial management.

This responsibility includes examination of government financial documents including annual reports, and reports of the Auditor-General relevant to the committee's portfolio.⁷

⁷ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 94(1).

5.1.1. Examination of Portfolio Entity Annual Reports

The committee examined the 2023-24 annual reports of four entities within the Attorney-General, Justice and Integrity portfolio area including the Queensland Ombudsman, Office of the Information Commissioner, Office of the Integrity Commissioner, and the Queensland Family and Child Commission. Oversight hearings based on the annual reports were held between February and April 2025. The transcripts of the public hearings are available from the committee's webpage. Further discussion of these hearings appears at [section 8](#) of this report.

5.1.2. Auditor General Reports

The committee's role includes consideration of reports of the Auditor-General that fall within its portfolio.

The Auditor-General leads the Queensland Audit Office (QAO), which is the independent auditor of the public sector. It reports to parliament on the results of its audit work, providing insights and advice, and recommendations for improvement.

In the reporting period, the committee self-referred one report from the Auditor-General, *Auditor-General Report No. 15: 2023-24 - Reducing Serious Youth Crime*. This report was first referred on 22 August 2024 to the Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee, the predecessor of this Committee. The former committee's consideration of the report lapsed with the dissolution of the 57th Parliament. On 21 February 2025, in the newly established 58th Parliament, the committee re-referred the inquiry and continued its consideration of the Auditor-General report. The committee will table its report in the 2025-26 financial year.

5.2. Other responsibilities

During the report period, in accordance with the requirements of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, the committee was consulted on the proposed appointment of the President of the Parole Board. Further reporting on committee consultation and approval regarding appointment processes, appointments and strategic plans is set out in [section 8 \(statutory oversight\)](#).

6. Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate legislation is legislation made by a department or other entity under powers given to them by an act of parliament. All subordinate legislation must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly, which can disallow it by resolution.⁸ To help it decide whether or not to do so, the Legislative Assembly refers each item of subordinate legislation to the relevant portfolio committee for consideration.

When examining subordinate legislation, each committee considers a range of matters, including:

- whether it has sufficient regard for basic standards for legislation, known as 'fundamental legislative principles'

⁸ *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, s 49, 50.

- whether it is consistent with the human rights of people in Queensland; and
- whether the explanatory notes provide an adequate explanation of why the subordinate legislation is needed and what it does.

During the reporting period, the committee examined 67 pieces of subordinate legislation. As shown in Table 3, the committee did not identify any matters of concern regarding fundamental legislative principles or human rights.

Table 3. Portfolio Subordinate Legislation examined

Report No.	Subordinate legislation	Matters identified		Explanatory notes adequate
		Fundamental legislative principles	Human rights	
2	Corrective Services Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Childrens Court Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation No. 5—Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023	0	0	✓
	Appeal Costs Fund Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation No. 1—Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Civil Liability Indexation Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	Personal Injuries Proceedings Indexation Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	Civil Liability and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation No. 1—Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Casino Control (Supervision Levy) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Professional Standards (Bar Association of Queensland Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	Professional Standards (Law Society of Western Australia Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	Uniform Civil Procedure and Other Rules Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation No. 1—Victims' Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Gaming Machine Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	State Penalties Enforcement (Animal Management) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Justice (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓

Report No.	Subordinate legislation	Matters identified		Explanatory notes adequate
		Fundamental legislative principles	Human rights	
	Proclamation—Criminal Law (Coercive Control and Affirmative Consent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Property Law (Postponement) Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Evidence (Domestic Violence Proceedings) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Criminal Practice Amendment Rule (No. 2) 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation No. 2—Victims' Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Drugs Misuse (Dangerous Drugs) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Justices (Sharing of Records) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Criminal Code and Other Legislation (Double Jeopardy Exception and Subsequent Appeals) Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Criminal Practice (Subsequent Appeals) Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Criminal Practice (Fees and Allowances) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Criminal Law Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Electoral Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Public Trustee (Interest Rate) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Summary Offences (Prevention of Knife Crime) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Summary Offences (Prevention of Knife Crime) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Youth Justice (Access by Accredited Media Entities) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Corrective Services (Searches and Testing) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Civil Proceedings Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Professional Standards (Law Society of New South Wales Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
3	Youth Justice (Monitoring Device Conditions) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Uniform Civil Procedure (Fees) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2024	0	0	✓
	Police Service Administration Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓

Report No.	Subordinate legislation	Matters identified		Explanatory notes adequate
		Fundamental legislative principles	Human rights	
	Proclamation—Property Law Act 2023	0	0	✓
	Body Corporate and Community Management (Body Corporate Certificates) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Property Law Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Justice Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Domestic and Family Violence Protection Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Oaths Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Criminal Practice (Decriminalising Sex Work) Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Claim for Compensation from Fidelity Guarantee Fund	0	0	✓
	Appointment of Proxy for Annual General Meeting	0	0	✓
5	Criminal Practice (Queensland Community Safety) Amendment Rule 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	<i>Liquor (Approval of Adult Entertainment Code) Regulation 2024</i>	0	0	✓
	Youth Justice (Conduct of Searches and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Legal Profession (Barristers Rules) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	State Penalties Enforcement (Vehicle Related Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Legal Profession (Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
	Integrity Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Disaster Management (QDMC and SDM Group Membership) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Professional Standards (Australian Computer Society Incorporated Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2024	0	0	✓
8	Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2025	0	0	✓
	Proclamation—Making Queensland Safer Act 2024	0	0	✓

7. Consideration of Authorised Forms

The committee's responsibilities include monitoring the operation of section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* in relation to legislation within its portfolio area. That section sets out a number of requirements for forms, including how forms must be notified and made available to the public.

During the reporting period, the committee considered 9 forms authorised by falling within its portfolio area and notified in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. These forms are listed in Table 4 below. The committee did not identify any issues of concern regarding these forms.

Table 4. Forms authorised by Legislation examined

Form No.	Ver	Form heading	Authorising law
QLS 13	4	Claim for Compensation from Fidelity Guarantee Fund	Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007
QLS Form 5 (SR)	15	Appointment of Proxy for Annual General Meeting	Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007
QLS 23	9	Notice of a Corporation's Intention to Engage in Legal Practice in Queensland	<i>Legal Profession Act 2007</i>
Form 1	3	Statutory Declaration (Word Version)	<i>Oaths Act 1867</i>
Form 1	3	Statutory Declaration (PDF Version)	<i>Oaths Act 1867</i>
QLS Form 1 (LPA) and QLS Form 1A (SR) v1	21	Practising Certificate and Membership Application	Legal Profession Act 2007 Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007
QLS Form 4 (LPR)	13	Law Practice Declaration and Trust Money Statement	Legal Profession Regulation 2017
QLS Form 5 (LPR)	13	External Examiner's Report	Legal Profession Regulation 2017
QLS Form 35 (LPA) and QLS Form 9 (SR)	2	Renewal of Practising Certificate and QLS Full Membership	Legal Profession Act 2007 Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007
QLS Form 7A (LPA)	1	Notice of Show Cause Event (Insolvency of Principal PC Holder)	Legal Profession Act 2007

8. Statutory Oversight

Standing Order 194A, read with Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders, and relevant statutes set out the committee's oversight functions and responsibilities in respect of the Electoral Commissioner, Information Commissioner, Queensland Ombudsman, the Queensland Family and Child Commission, the Queensland Human Rights Commission, the Victims' Commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner.

8.1. Office of the Information Commissioner

In accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI Act) and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (IP Act), the committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the performance of the Information Commissioner's functions under the RTI and IP Acts
- report to the Legislative Assembly on:
 - any matter concerning the Information Commissioner, the Information Commissioner's functions or the performance of those functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention
 - any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the RTI and IP Acts
- decide in consultation with the Information Commissioner, the statistical information agencies and Ministers are to give to the Commissioner for reports to the committee under section 131 of the RTI Act
- examine annual reports of the OIC and any other reports tabled in the Legislative Assembly under the RTI Act and, if appropriate, comment on any aspect of those reports and make recommendations
- approve the appointment of the reviewer for strategic reviews of the OIC and the terms of reference for a strategic review
- approve the selection process, the appointment of a person as the Information Commissioner, and their remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions of office
- be consulted on the process of selection and the appointment of the Privacy Commissioner and Right to Information Commissioner
- be consulted on, and agree to, any motion for an address to the Governor to suspend or remove the Information Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner and Right to Information Commissioner
- consider and approve funding proposals for additional funding prepared by OIC.

8.1.1. Activity

The committee considered the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Office of the Queensland Information Commissioner. A public oversight hearing was held on 19 February 2025 with

the Information Commissioner, Right to Information Commissioner and Acting Privacy Commissioner. Key issues canvassed during the hearing included:

- Amendments to the *Right to Information Act 2009*
- RTI requests, including jurisdictional comparisons
- Privacy and the value of personal information
- the increase in demand for OIC services
- Voluntary data breach notifications
- QPRIME data breach incident (August 2024)
- Management of risks associated with AI
- the OICs role in overseeing internal review decisions
- Commercial confidentiality inhibiting disclosure of documents.

The committee's oversight report was tabled on 5 September 2025.

During the reporting period, the committee was consulted on the proposed selection process and appointment of a new Privacy Commissioner, advised of a change in the Acting Privacy Commissioner arrangements, and consulted on the draft strategic plan for 2025-29.

The Committee also approved to amend the terms and conditions of the Information Commissioner to remove the requirement for the Information Commissioner to enter into a Performance Agreement with the Minister.

8.2. Queensland Ombudsman

In accordance with the *Ombudsman Act 2001* (Ombudsman Act) and *Inspector of Detention Services Act 2022* (IDS Act), the committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the performance of:
 - the Ombudsman's functions under the Ombudsman Act
 - the Inspector of Detention Services' functions under the IDS Act
- report to the Legislative Assembly on:
 - any matter relating to the Ombudsman or the Inspector of Detention Services, their functions or the performance of those functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the attention of the Legislative Assembly
 - any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the Ombudsman or the Inspector of Detention Services that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the Ombudsman Act or the IDS Act
- examine annual reports of the office of the Ombudsman and any reports tabled under the Ombudsman Act or the IDS Act and, if appropriate, comment on any aspect of those reports

- be consulted on the selection process, appointment and matters relating to appointment of the Ombudsman and Inspector of Detention Services
- be consulted on the appointment of the reviewer for strategic reviews of the office of the Ombudsman and the terms of reference of a strategic review
- be consulted on, and agree to, any motion for an address to the Governor to suspend or remove the Ombudsman and the Inspector of Detention Services
- consider and approve funding proposals for additional funding prepared by the Ombudsman.

8.2.1. Activity

The committee considered the Queensland Ombudsman's Annual Report 2023-24 and held a public hearing with the Queensland Ombudsman, the Deputy Ombudsman and the Executive Director of Corporate Services on 19 February 2025. Key issues discussed at the public hearing included:

- Performance measures: contacts, complaints, investigations, website visits, client satisfaction
- Changes to the complaints investigation jurisdiction
- the Ombudsman's administrative improvement program
- Role of the Ombudsman as the Inspector for Detention Services
- Workforce and funding
- Youth detention centres including Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and Wacol Youth Remand Centre
- Training sessions delivered by the Office
- Inspections of detention centres and watch houses – reflections and forward program
- Challenges and risks ahead for the Office in the next 12 months.

The committee tabled its oversight report on 5 September 2025.

8.3. Queensland Family and Child Commission

Under the Standing Orders (SO 194A), the committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the Queensland Family and Child Commission's (QFCC) performance of the functions of the office
- report to the Legislative Assembly on:
 - any matter concerning the QFCC, the QFCC's functions or the performance of those functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention

- any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the QFCC that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the entity or of the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014*
- examine the annual report of the QFCC and, if appropriate, comment on any aspect of the report.

8.3.1. Activity

The committee examined the *Queensland Family and Child Commission Annual Report 2023–2024* and the *Child Death Review Board Annual Report 2023-2024*. On 13 March 2025, the committee held a public oversight hearing with the QFCC's Principal Commissioner and Commissioner. Key issues discussed at the public hearing included:

- Key achievements for 2023-24
- Changes to the role and size of the QFCC
- Review of the Blue Card scheme
- Impact of detention on child mental health
- Making Queensland Safer laws
- Child safeguarding education
- First Nations and Child Rights Advocacy team.

The committee's oversight report was tabled on 5 September 2025.

8.4. Integrity Commissioner

In accordance with the *Integrity Act 2009*, the committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the Integrity Commissioner's performance of its functions under the Act
- report to the Legislative Assembly on:
 - any matter concerning the Integrity Commissioner, the Integrity Commissioner's functions or the performance of those functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention
 - any changes to the functions and procedures of the Integrity Commissioner that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the Act
- examine annual reports of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and any other reports tabled in the Legislative Assembly under the Act, and if appropriate, commenting on any aspect of those reports and make recommendations
- be consulted on a code of conduct for registered lobbyists

- approve the selection process, the appointment of a person as the Integrity Commissioner, and their remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions of office
- be consulted on actual or potential conflicts of interest held by the Integrity Commissioner regarding the discharge of their responsibilities
- be consulted on, and agree to, any motion for an address to the Governor to suspend or remove the Integrity Commissioner
- approve the appointment of a person as the reviewer for strategic reviews of the Integrity Commissioner and the terms of reference for a strategic review
- consider and approve funding proposals for additional funding prepared by the Integrity Commissioner.

8.4.1. Activity

The committee reviewed the *Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2023-24*, and held a public hearing with the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, the Deputy Integrity Commissioner and the Manager of Corporate Services on 21 May 2025. The public hearing represented the committee's first activity with the Integrity Commissioner as oversight was previously undertaken by the Cost of Living and Economics Committee during the 57th Parliament.

Key themes discussed during the public hearing included:

- common issues regarding compliance with lobbying requirements
- the Review of the Lobbying Code of Conduct
- Education and enforcement approaches of the OQIC
- Workload and resourcing
- Role of the Integrity Commissioner and how it compares to other jurisdictions
- Confidentiality requirements and the disclosure of advice

The committee's oversight report was tabled on 5 September 2025.

During the reporting period, the committee was consulted on the OQIC draft 2025-2029 strategic plan.

8.5. Victims' Commissioner

Under the Standing Orders (SO 194A), the committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the Office of the Victims' Commissioner's (OVC) performance of the functions of the office
- report to the Legislative Assembly on:
 - any matter concerning the OVC, the OVC's functions or the performance of those functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention

- any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the OVC that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the entity or of the *Victims' Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Act 2024*
- examine the annual report of the OVC and, if appropriate, comment on any aspect of the report.

8.5.1. Activity

On 21 May 2025, the committee held a public oversight hearing with representatives of the Office of the Victims' Commissioner including the Victims Commissioner, Director of Engagement, Executive Director, Manager Corporate Services and the Director of Policy and Systemic Review. This was the inaugural activity with the Office following the appointment of the Victims' Commissioner on 29 July 2024.

The public oversight hearing canvassed the following key activities:

- Establishment of the OVC and its role
- Engagement with the Queensland Police Service
- Victim support services, resources and information
- the OVC five-year (strategic) plan
- Submissions (complaints) to the OVC
- OVC presence in regional and rural Queensland.

The Victims' Commissioner is Chair of the Sexual Violence Review Board, an independent entity responsible for reviewing systemic issues relating to the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of sexual offences in Queensland.

8.6. Queensland Human Rights Commission

In accordance with the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, the committee's functions are to:

- be consulted on the appointment of the reviewer and the terms of reference for strategic reviews of the Queensland Human Rights Commission (QHRC)
- consider and report on the strategic review report and make recommendations if applicable.

8.6.1. Activity

The committee did not have cause to conduct any activities in relation to the oversight of the QHRC in the 2024-25 financial year.

8.7. Electoral Commissioner

In accordance with the *Electoral Act 1992*, the committee's functions are to:

- be consulted on the process of selection for appointment, and the appointment of, the Electoral Commissioner and the Deputy Electoral Commissioner
- be consulted on the process of selection for appointment, and the appointment of, the chairperson of the Queensland Redistribution Commission and the nonjudicial appointee
- be consulted on the appointment of the reviewer for the strategic review of the Electoral Commissioner and the terms of reference for the review
- be consulted on any postponement of the strategic review
- consider and report on the strategic review to the Legislative Assembly, including making recommendations if applicable

Unlike the other entities of which the committee has oversight, the committee does not report on the Annual Report of the Electoral Commissioner.

8.7.1. Activity

During the reporting period, the committee was consulted on the proposed selection process and appointment of the Chairperson and Commissioner (nonjudicial member) of the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

9. Funding proposals

With the introduction of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*, new processes were established in 2025 for integrity bodies to request additional funding for a financial year. The new process requires integrity bodies to provide a proposal for additional funding to the committee for consideration and report to the Minister.

During the reporting period, the committee considered proposals from the Crime and Corruption Commission, Integrity Commissioner, and Information Commissioner under these new additional funding arrangements.

10. Committee Expenditure

Committees are funded from the appropriation made to the Legislative Assembly and rarely generate revenue. After funding is allocated for the committee office as a whole, expenditure by individual committees is determined by their specific requirements and volume of work. Travel expenditure is subject to an additional approval process.

In the reporting period, the committee's total expenditure was \$364,510. The committee did not receive any revenue.

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the committee's expenditure for the year. After employee expenses, committee travel was the most notable area of expenditure (\$49,171). The committee travelled to Townsville (3 December 2024) for its inquiry into the Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024, and subsequently to Cairns (6 May 2025) and Townsville (7 May 2025) for its inquiry into the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time)

Amendment Bill 2025. Legal advice, amounting to \$1,400, was sought by the committee regarding compliance of legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Table 5. Detailed Committee Expenditure

Item	\$
Employee expenses (secretariat staff)	308,346
Meeting expenses (broadcast support & catering)	790
Technology (software licences, telephones, teleconferencing & videoconferencing)	3,647
Legal advice	1,400
Printing and supplies	1,156
Advertising	0
Committee travel (including business travel)	49,171
Total expenditure	364,510

Appendix A – Attendance record

Appendix A shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB) and public hearings (PH) during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

Meeting Date	Activity	Marty Hunt MP	Peter Russo MP	Michael Berkman MP	Russell Field MP	Natalie Marr MP	Melissa McMahon MP
29-Nov-24	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2-Dec-24	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ⁹
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁰
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹¹
3-Dec-24	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹²
5-Dec-24	PrM	✓	x ¹³	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11-Dec-24	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13-Jan-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29-Jan-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁴
10-Feb-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19-Feb-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁵

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¹⁴ Ms Melissa McMahon MP, Member for Macalister, was an apology

¹⁵ Ms Meaghan Scanlon MP, Member for Gaven was substituted for Ms Melissa McMahon MP, Member for Macalister

Meeting Date	Activity	Marty Hunt MP	Peter Russo MP	Michael Berkman MP	Russell Field MP	Natalie Marr MP	Melissa McMahon MP
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁶
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁷
21-Feb-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁸
26-Feb-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁹
28-Feb-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ²⁰
3-Mar-25	PrM	✓	x ²¹	✓	✓	✓	x ²²
	PH	✓	x ²³	✓	✓	✓	x ²⁴
	PB	✓	x ²⁵	✓	✓	✓	x ²⁶
6-Mar-25	PrM	✓	x ²⁷	✓	✓	x ²⁸	x ²⁹

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13-Mar-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁰
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³¹
17-Mar-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³²
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³³
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁴
	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁵
20-Mar-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁶
24-Mar-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁷
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁸
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ³⁹
26-Mar-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴⁰
2-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴¹
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴²
4-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✗ ⁴³	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴⁴

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9-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✗ ⁴⁵	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴⁶
17-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✗ ⁴⁷	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴⁸
28-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✗ ⁴⁹	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁰
	PB	✓	✗ ⁵¹	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵²
	PH	✓	✗ ⁵³	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁴
	PrM	✓	✗ ⁵⁵	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁶
30-Apr-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁷
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁸
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵⁹
6-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁰
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶¹
7-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶²
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶³

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8-May-25	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁴
9-May-25	PH	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁵	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁶
14-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁷
21-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁸
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁶⁹	✓	✗ ⁷⁰
22-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁷¹
28-May-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁷²
5-Jun-25	PrM	✓	✗ ⁷³	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁷⁴
11-Jun-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18-Jun-25	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting
PrB private briefing

PB public briefing
PH public hearing

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