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Government Response

Finance and Administration Committee

Report No. 37 (February 2014) – *Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Bill 2013*

Introduction

On 19 November 2013, the *Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Bill 2013* ('the Bill') was introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Premier, the Honourable Campbell Newman MP.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration, with its report (No. 37) tabled on 3 February 2014.

The Committee has made three (3) recommendations in its report. The Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill and provides a response to each recommendation below.

Recommendations and Response

Recommendation 1:
The Committee recommends that the Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2013 be passed.

Government response:
The Government notes the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2:
The Committee recommends that a review of the effectiveness of the proposed changes be undertaken after a period of not more than five years.

Government response:
The Government recognises the importance of reviewing legislation to ensure it is achieving its intended policy purpose.

The Government accepts the recommendation of the Committee and will determine how and at what point a review is to be conducted.

Recommendation 3:
The Committee recommends that the Public Service Commission facilitate a centralised data collation system to ensure a valid assessment of the effectiveness of the proposed changes can be undertaken.

Government response:
The Government acknowledges the Committee's comments as to the challenges experienced in collecting whole of government data on grants of indemnity. The Government accepts the recommendation of the Committee; the Public Service Commission will work with other central agencies to facilitate an appropriate data collections system.