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## **CONCESSIONS STATEMENT**

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# 1. OVERVIEW

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## FEATURES

- **This statement provides information on the cost of concessions provided by Government across a wide range of services including transport, electricity and water.**
- **The total value of concessions is estimated at \$5.2 billion in 2013-14.**

## INTRODUCTION

The Government provides a diverse range of generous concessions across a wide variety of services. In addition to targeted discounts, rebates and subsidies for individuals or families based on eligibility criteria relating to factors such as age, income and special needs or disadvantage, broader concession arrangements are in place that reduce the price paid by all consumers in areas such as transport, electricity and water.

This is the first time Queensland Government concessions information has been published in this format. Previously, a Concessions Statement was included as an appendix to Budget Paper 2 and contained information on the value of Government concessions provided to individuals or families on the basis of eligibility criteria.

The change in approach for the 2013-14 Concessions Statement enables more comprehensive reporting and assessment of the level of Government concessions, and their contribution towards Government priorities, as recommended in the Final Report of the Independent Commission of Audit.

The more comprehensive scope adopted in this statement is best illustrated using public transport as an example. Previously, the public transport concession was costed on the basis of where fares for the aged, disabled or low income individuals were less than the standard adult fare. However, this measure does not capture the full subsidy that is provided to public transport users. On average, in 2013-14 it is estimated that the prices passengers pay for public transport in South East Queensland will cover some 26% of the cost of providing the service. The Government's decision to subsidise these fares is estimated to provide a benefit of \$1.032 billion to passengers in 2013-14.

The majority of people will benefit from at least one concession and in many cases will benefit from multiple concessions each year. For example, an aged pensioner is eligible for a number of State Government concessions, including discounts on their council rates, water, gas and electricity bills, vehicle registration fees as well as subsidised optometry and dental services. The total value of these concessions alone is up to \$1,511 per year and would increase significantly with the use of public transport, long distance train travel entitlements and other eligible concessions.

It is acknowledged that the document still does not cover the full range of concessions offered by the Government (for example, not all fees and charges that are below full cost recovery have been able to be included). The Government will continue to refine its approach to reporting concessions in order to include the full range of concessions.

More information on the eligibility requirements and benefits of a range of Government concessions can be found at:

<http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/community-support/queensland-government-concessions/>

## **FOCUS**

This statement highlights the cost and nature of concessions covering those that are reflected as outlays in the Budget (for example, direct subsidy payments) and revenue foregone through fees and charges that are set at a lower rate than applies to the wider community or, in the case of broader concessions, the full cost of service provision.

Table 1 sets out the cost of concessions by agency. The total value of these concessions is estimated at \$5.2 billion in 2013-14. This represents a significant Government and taxpayer commitment to improving the accessibility and affordability of a diverse range of services and reducing the price paid by consumers of those services.

## **EXPLANATION OF SCOPE**

For the purposes of this document, concessions include:

- discounts, rebates and subsidies to improve access to, and the affordability of, a range of services for individuals or families based on eligibility criteria relating to factors such as age, income and special needs or disadvantage
- concessional prices for Government services, where the price charged to all consumers is less than the full cost of service provision.

Both General Government (GG) and Public Non-financial Corporation (PNFC) sector concessions are included. Where a payment is made from a GG sector agency to a PNFC entity for a concession arrangement, the expenditure is reported against the GG sector agency only to avoid double counting.

Varying methods have been used to estimate the cost of concessions depending on the nature of the concession, including:

- direct Budget outlay cost (for example, direct subsidy or rebate payments or Government's contribution in the case of items such as rental subsidies)
- revenue foregone (for example, concessional fees and charges)
- cost of goods and services provided.

For the purposes of illustration, the document often uses averages to demonstrate the value of the concession to consumers. However, averages are not reflective of individual circumstances, meaning the actual dollar value of the concession to consumers will vary from person to person.

This Concessions Statement does not include Tax Expenditures (for example, tax exemptions, reduced tax rates, tax rebates and deductions) which continue to be provided as an appendix to Budget Paper 2.

**Table 1  
Concessions by agency<sup>1</sup>**

Agency	2012-13 Est. Act. \$ million	2013-14 Estimate \$ million
<b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b>		
Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme <sup>2,3</sup>	2.3	2.0
Hendra Virus - rebate to front line veterinarians	0.3	0.3
<b>Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services</b>		
Electricity Rebate Scheme <sup>4</sup>	108.5	136.8
Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme	50.0	51.5
South East Queensland (SEQ) Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme	18.5	19.1
Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme <sup>5</sup>	4.1	10.0
Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme	2.1	2.3
Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme	1.7	2.1
Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme <sup>6</sup>	0.7	1.8
<b>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian</b>		
Blue card assessments - volunteer applicants <sup>2,7</sup>	6.9	9.8
<b>Department of Community Safety</b>		
Emergency Management, Fire Rescue Levy Concession <sup>8</sup>	6.8	7.7
<b>Department of Education, Training and Employment</b>		
Vocational Education and Training (VET) - Tuition Fee Subsidy <sup>2,9</sup>	362.4	342.3
VET - Strategic Purchasing Program <sup>2</sup>	13.5	13.5
VET Fee Exemptions - Indigenous Students <sup>2</sup>	0.7	0.7
User Choice - Apprentice and Trainee Training Subsidy <sup>2</sup>	203.4	203.4
Mining Industry Training Subsidy <sup>2,10</sup>	0.3	3.0
Aviation Industry Training Subsidy <sup>2</sup>	2.5	2.5
Recognition of Prior Learning Online <sup>2</sup>	..	1.0
Trade Skills Recognition - Fee Subsidy <sup>2</sup>	0.6	0.6
Travel and Accommodation Subsidy <sup>2</sup>	4.5	4.5
Textbook and Resource Allowance <sup>2,11</sup>	42.8	47.9
School transport assistance for students with disabilities	37.5	38.6
Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme	6.4	6.4
Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme	5.0	5.1
Distance Education - Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme <sup>2</sup>	0.7	0.7
Distance Education - Non-Government Student Fee Subsidy <sup>2</sup>	0.3	0.3
Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus Residential Facility <sup>2,12</sup>	3.0	2.3
Far North Queensland - Student Residential College <sup>2</sup>	0.5	0.5
Tuition fee exemptions/waivers - dependants of international students <sup>2</sup>	5.2	5.2
<b>Department of Energy and Water Supply</b>		
Ergon Energy Retail - Uniform Tariff Policy <sup>13</sup>	608.0	615.0
Origin Energy - Uniform Tariff Policy <sup>2</sup>	5.0	5.0
Urban Water Price Path <sup>2,14</sup>	398.0	284.0
Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy <sup>2,15</sup>	9.0	7.4
Bulk Water Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy <sup>2,16</sup>	1.3	3.7



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<b>Agency</b>	2012-13 Est. Act. \$ million	2013-14 Estimate \$ million
<b>Department of Housing and Public Works</b>		
Government managed housing rental rebate	402.1	409.6
Non-government managed housing <sup>2,17</sup>	N/A	N/A
National Rental Affordability Scheme <sup>2,18,19</sup>	9.1	20.7
Home Assist Secure <sup>2,18</sup>	17.4	17.9
Non-residential buildings - subsidised rents <sup>2</sup>	5.2	5.3
<b>Department of Justice and Attorney-General</b>		
Public Trustee of Queensland - Concessions <sup>20</sup>	27.0	28.4
Body Corporate and Community Management - Dispute Resolution Service <sup>2</sup>	1.9	1.9
Electrical Safety Office - Equipment Certifications <sup>2</sup>	0.1	0.1
Youth Justice Adventure Based Learning Services (The Outlooks) <sup>2</sup>	3.0	2.8
<b>Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing</b>		
Tour fee and access permit concessions	0.9	0.9
Active Recreation Centres - concessional usage rates	0.3	0.3
<b>Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts</b>		
Queensland Art Gallery - Arts concessional entry fees	2.3	2.7
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Arts concessional entry fees <sup>2,21</sup>	1.5	0.8
Queensland Museum - Arts concessional entry fees	0.2	0.3
Arts Queensland - Discount on property lease rentals	0.8	0.7
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Venue hire rebates	0.6	0.6
State Library of Queensland - Venue hire rebates <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.2
<b>Department of Transport and Main Roads</b>		
General Public Transport Concessions (South East Queensland) <sup>2,22</sup>	1,018.3	1,032.8
General Public Transport Concessions (Regional Queensland) <sup>2,23</sup>	210.9	214.0
TransLink Transport Concessions (South East Queensland) <sup>24</sup>	102.8	105.0
Other transport concessions (Regional Queensland) and taxi subsidies	26.6	25.8
Designated Public Transport Concessions for Seniors Card Holders <sup>25</sup>	3.8	3.8
Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding <sup>2,26</sup>	503.7	546.9
Rail Concession Scheme	36.0	36.9
Aurizon - Livestock and Regional Freight Contracts <sup>2,27</sup>	180.6	144.9
School Transport Assistance Scheme <sup>28</sup>	132.2	139.7
Light and heavy vehicle registration concessions <sup>29</sup>	125.0	127.9
Commercial ship registration and licensing <sup>2</sup>	5.7	5.9
Recreational ship registration and licensing	1.0	1.0
Practical Driving Test <sup>2</sup>	5.6	5.8

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**Concessions by agency<sup>1</sup>**

Agency	2012-13 Est. Act. \$ million	2013-14 Estimate \$ million
<b>Queensland Health</b>		
Oral Health Scheme <sup>30</sup>	130.6	165.2
Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme <sup>31</sup>	70.1	94.9
Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme <sup>32</sup>	39.9	40.8
Spectacle Supply Scheme <sup>32</sup>	8.6	9.3
<b>CS Energy Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Gladstone Power Station Interconnection and Power Pooling Agreement (IPPA) <sup>33</sup>	commercial- in-confidence	commercial- in-confidence
<b>ENERGEX Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Regulated Service Charges	12.2	12.2
<b>Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	0.6	0.6
Concessional Leases - Community	0.2	0.2
<b>Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Concessional Port Charges <sup>34</sup>	44.7	47.3
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	3.5	3.4
Concessional Leases - Community	0.5	0.5
<b>North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	1.5	1.5
Concessional Leases - Community	0.2	0.2
<b>Port of Townsville Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	4.9	5.1
Concessional Leases - Community	0.1	0.1
<b>Queensland Rail<sup>2</sup></b>		
Kuranda Scenic Railway	12.6	12.4
Heritage Rail Services	8.8	8.8
Concessional Leases - Community	1.5	1.6
<b>Stanwell Corporation Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Fixed Water Grid Contracts <sup>35</sup>	31.7	37.1
<b>SunWater Limited<sup>2</sup></b>		
Water Supply Contracts	1.5	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,110.9</b>	<b>5,162.6</b>

**Table 1**  
**Concessions by agency<sup>1</sup>**

Notes:

1. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
2. New item for 2013-14 Concessions Statement due to revised scope of reporting.
3. The decrease in 2013-14 reflects anticipated lower volumes of loan applications compared with 2012-13.
4. The increase between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects the impact of electricity price increases and growth in the number of eligible concession card holders.
5. The increase in expenditure between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects an anticipated higher number of applications for assistance in 2013-14.
6. The increase in expenditure between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects a lower than anticipated demand in 2012-13.
7. The increase in 2013-14 reflects anticipated higher volumes of renewal applications compared with 2012-13.
8. Previously reported as the Urban Fire Levy. The increase in 2013-14 reflects changes made to the levy that will take effect on 1 January 2014.
9. The variance between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate is due to revised funding arrangements for TAFE Queensland. Item includes TAFE concessions previously reported separately.
10. The difference between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects a reduced level of training in 2012-13 due to a training broker ceasing to operate during the financial year. New arrangements are in place for 2013-14.
11. The increase between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate is due to a combination of CPI indexation and forecast enrolment growth in State and non-Government schools.
12. The decrease in expenditure between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects additional establishment costs in 2012-13 that are not ongoing.
13. The increase in the 2013-14 estimate is due to a wide range of variables, including energy procurement and compliance costs, franchise revenue, remote generation costs and network costs.
14. The variance between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects a decrease in the difference between the price paid by consumers and the cost of supply.
15. The subsidy will reduce from 2012-13 to 2013-14 due to increases in fixed charges for 2013-14 for those schemes where prices are transitioning towards cost recovery.
16. The subsidy will increase from 2012-13 to 2013-14 as the Queensland Competition Authority has identified higher costs for the supply of water for irrigation by Seqwater for the new price path to commence in 2013-14.
17. The value of this concession arrangement is unable to be accurately quantified.
18. The full value of the concession is unable to be accurately quantified, instead Government expenditure is reported in 2012-13 and 2013-14.
19. The increase in National Rental Affordability Scheme payments is due to the increase in household incentives paid from 5,295 in 2012-13 to almost 10,000 in 2013-14.
20. The increase between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects forecast growth in the number and life expectancy of the ageing population, impacting on the demand for services.
21. The variation between the 2012-13 estimated actual and the 2013-14 estimate reflects changes to the number and size of events held each year.
22. The increase reflects contractual cost increases associated with bus and ferry service contracts and fare revenue impacts in 2013-14 offset by reduction in payments for CityTrain services in 2013-14.
23. The increase reflects contractual cost increases associated with bus, ferry, long distance coach and air service contracts in 2013-14.
24. The increase reflects the scheduled fare increase in January 2014.
25. Previously reported by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services as the National Reciprocal Transport Scheme.
26. The increase reflects introduction of a new funding contract in 2013-14.
27. The decrease reflects the effect of a review of the contract undertaken during 2012-13.
28. The increase reflects increasing costs of school bus service providers in 2013-14.
29. The increase predominately reflects the growth in the number of vehicles that are eligible for these concessions.
30. The 2012-13 estimated actual and 2013-14 estimate include additional funding provided through the *National Partnership Agreement for Treating More Public Dental Patients* which commenced in Queensland on 27 February 2013.
31. The variation between the 2012-13 estimated actual and 2013-14 estimate is due to the full year effect of the subsidy increases which were implemented from 1 January 2013.
32. The variation between the 2012-13 estimated actual and 2013-14 estimate is due to increasing demand and the cost of provision.
33. Current estimates are unable to be reported as they are commercial-in-confidence.
34. The increase reflects the estimated increase in port charges.
35. The increase reflects the impact of the annual escalation of prices under the contract arrangement.

## 2. CONCESSIONS BY AGENCY

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### Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme	2.3	2.0

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The Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme (PIPES) is administered by QRAA and provides concessional rates of interest on loans to eligible primary producers in need of financial assistance. First Start Loans and Sustainability Loans of up to \$650,000 support applicants to enter primary production and to improve productivity and sustainability. The average concessional interest rate on these loans is 4.2%.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Hendra Virus - rebate to front line veterinarians	0.3	0.3

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In accordance with its election commitment, the Government provides a rebate towards the cost of eligible personal protective equipment used by veterinarians in the testing of suspected Hendra virus cases. The rebate scheme came into effect on 1 July 2012, with applications able to be back dated to 24 March 2012.

The rebate scheme allows private veterinarians to claim up to \$250 from Biosecurity Queensland by way of a start-up rebate. It is intended to equip veterinarians with appropriate personal protective equipment for themselves and anyone else assisting with the testing of horses. A replenishment rebate of \$250 is also available for veterinarians that have conducted Hendra virus testing in order to assist them with the cost of restocking personal protective equipment.

Funding of \$0.27 million is allocated in 2012-13 for this initiative. As at 1 April 2013, 167 rebates have been provided to veterinarians across the State.

## Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Electricity Rebate Scheme	108.5	136.8

The Electricity Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$282 per annum to assist with the cost of domestic electricity supply to the home of eligible holders of a Queensland Government Pensioner Concession Card, a Seniors Card or a Repatriation Health Card for All Conditions (Gold Card) who receive a War Widow/Widower or Special Rate Totally or Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) pension.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme	50.0	51.5

The Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme offers a 20% subsidy (up to a maximum of \$200 per annum) to lessen the impact of local government rates and charges on pensioners, assisting them to continue to live in their own homes.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
South East Queensland (SEQ) Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme	18.5	19.1

The SEQ Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme provides an annual subsidy of up to \$120 to eligible pensioner property owners in the SEQ Water Grid area to lessen the impact of water prices. This subsidy is in addition to the Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme	4.1	10.0

The Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme provides one off emergency assistance of up to \$720 per annum (for a maximum of two consecutive years) to assist low income households experiencing a short term financial crisis and who are unable to pay their current electricity and/or reticulated natural gas account.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme	2.1	2.3

The Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$66 per annum to assist with the cost of reticulated natural gas supplied to the home of eligible holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Seniors Card or Gold Card who receive a War Widow/Widower or Special Rate TPI pension.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme	1.7	2.1

The Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme is aimed at assisting seriously ill people who use home based life support systems by providing a rebate of up to \$575 per annum for users of oxygen concentrators and a rebate of up to \$385 per annum for users of kidney dialysis machines to meet their electricity costs. The concession is paid quarterly and is subject to the patient being medically assessed in accordance with Queensland Health eligibility criteria.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme	0.7	1.8

The Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme is for eligible concession card holders with a medical condition who have a dependence on air-conditioning to regulate body temperature. The rate is set in line with the Electricity Rebate Scheme and provides a rebate of up to \$282 per annum.

## Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Blue card assessments - volunteer applicants	6.9	9.8

Individuals providing child related services or conducting child related activities in regulated service environments are required to undergo an assessment of their police and relevant disciplinary information, and if approved, are issued with a blue card. A blue card is valid for three years unless cancelled or suspended earlier. The application fee for a blue card is \$76 (as at 1 July 2013).

Since the inception of the blue card system in 2001, Government has met the cost of assessments for volunteer blue card applicants. This cost is estimated to be \$9.8 million in 2013-14.

## Department of Community Safety

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy Concession	6.8	7.7

From 1 January 2014, the Government is increasing and broadening the coverage of the urban fire levy to ensure a sustainable funding base for emergency services. The levy will be known as the Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy and will be applied to all rateable properties. Local governments affected for the first time will be provided with transitional assistance.

Individuals in receipt of an Australian Government pension are eligible to receive a discount of 20% on this levy payable for a prescribed property that is their principal place of residence.

## Department of Education, Training and Employment

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Vocational Education and Training (VET) - Tuition Fee Subsidy	362.4	342.3

During 2012-13 funding was provided to subsidise the tuition fees paid by students undertaking eligible vocation education and training courses at TAFE Queensland and the Australian Agricultural College Corporation. Although actual course fees paid by individual students are dependent on the program of study, the annual average dollar value of the Government fee subsidy per student is \$2,895 in 2013-14.

In addition, reduced TAFE tuition fees are available to concession card holders, students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and students who can demonstrate extreme financial hardship. The reduced fees represent a discount of up to 60% on the course fees paid by a student compared to the standard tuition fees charged for a Government funded subject.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
VET - Strategic Purchasing Program	13.5	13.5

The Strategic Purchasing Program provides targeted funding to reduce accredited training fees for disadvantaged and under-represented student cohorts in key industries such as construction, manufacturing, agriculture and aviation. Whilst the full cost of each training course varies widely depending on the area of study, from less than \$500 to more than \$20,000, the average annual dollar value of the Government fee subsidy per student is \$4,821 in 2013-14. This is a separate arrangement to the 'VET – Tuition Fee Subsidy'.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
VET Fee Exemptions - Indigenous Students	0.7	0.7

The Government provides funding for demand driven training, assessment and related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) participants undertaking training with a contracted registered training organisation in Queensland. Participants are exempt from all fees and charges. This funding provides an average annual subsidy of \$1,940 per ATSI student in 2013-14 and is a separate arrangement to the 'VET-Tuition Fee Subsidy'.



	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
User Choice - Apprentice and Trainee Training Subsidy	203.4	203.4

The User Choice program provides Government funding to training providers to reduce the cost of accredited, entry level training for Queensland apprentices and trainees. The program enables apprentices, trainees and their employers to select a preferred provider from an approved list for the delivery of accredited training to meet their specific needs.

Whilst the full cost of each training course varies, the annual average dollar value of the Government subsidy per student is \$2,410.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Mining Industry Training Subsidy	0.3	3.0

The Government provides funding to reduce the cost of accredited training related to the mining industry, to increase the overall skills base in this sector.

All students enrolled in the targeted qualifications with the contracted registered training organisations are eligible for the funding. Whilst the level of Government subsidy varies depending on the qualification studied, the estimated average annual dollar value subsidy per student is \$2,048.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Aviation Industry Training Subsidy	2.5	2.5

The Government provides funding to reduce the cost of accredited training related to the aviation industry, to increase the number of qualified tradespeople in this sector.

All students enrolled in the targeted qualifications at the contracted registered training organisations are eligible for the funding. The dollar value varies depending on the qualification being studied. For example, the Government contributes \$16,830 per student for Mechanical aviation stream, \$21,862 per student studying Avionics and \$43,112 per student in the Structures aviation stream.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Recognition of Prior Learning Online	..	1.0

This self-help online program assists individuals to identify their workplace skills and experience against a nationally accredited qualification, and provides them with details of registered training organisations that offer training and assessment in the qualification.

Funding to meet the costs of training and assessment to recognise prior learning is attached to targeted qualifications in industries that address regional needs for employment outcomes. Support will be provided across all industries and priorities will vary across regions. The cost to Government for Certificate III and IV is \$500 per student and Diploma, Advanced Diploma and trade level qualifications is \$1,000 per student in 2013-14.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Trade Skills Recognition - Fee Subsidy	0.6	0.6

The Trade Skills Recognition Program provides industry experienced individuals the opportunity to undergo a process of recognition of prior learning and gap training to gain formal trade qualifications. Students pay \$500 to participate in this program, with the Government contributing \$2,700 per student per qualification outcome.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Travel and Accommodation Subsidy	4.5	4.5

The Travel and Accommodation Subsidy provides financial assistance to Queensland apprentices and trainees for travel expenses incurred in attending off the job training with their training organisation. To be eligible, apprentices must attend the closest training organisation that offers the required qualification and travel a minimum of 100km return from their usual place of residence to the training organisation.

The subsidy provides:

- return land travel to the required off the job training location of 15 cents per km for distances between 100-649km (return), increasing to 19 cents per km for distances between 650-1,400km (return)
- accommodation assistance of \$22 per day, if it is necessary to live away from their usual place of residence to attend training
- a return economy air ticket to the location of the training organisation if necessary
- ferry travel where relevant.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Textbook and Resource Allowance	42.8	47.9

The Textbook and Resource Allowance is for parents/caregivers of secondary school age students attending State and approved non-Government schools to assist with the cost of textbooks and learning resources. Parents generally sign over this allowance to the school to reduce the fees associated with participating in the school's textbook and resource scheme. In 2013 the rates per annum are \$112 for students in Years 8 to 10 and \$245 for students in Years 11 and 12.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
School transport assistance for students with disabilities	37.5	38.6

The Government provides transport assistance to students with disabilities to attend school programs that meet their educational needs. This transport assistance includes the provision of taxis or specialised contracted minibuses, payment of fares on regular buses or trains, or an allowance for parents who drive their children to school. The benefit level is up to \$300 per week, per student. A separate scheme is in place for students with disabilities attending non-Government schools (refer 'Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme').

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme	6.4	6.4

A living away from home allowance is provided to students in Years 1 to 12 in State and non-Government schools whose homes are geographically isolated and are required to board away from home to attend schools with the required year levels. The allowances contribute towards meeting the costs associated with boarding away from home to attend school on a daily basis, and include tuition and travel costs.

The benefits available for eligible students in 2013 are:

- Remote Area Tuition Allowance - primary students up to \$3,025 per annum and secondary students up to \$4,356 per annum. Benefit levels are linked to the tuition fees charged by approved boarding schools
- Remote Area Travel Allowance - available where the distance from the family home to the boarding location is at least 50km. Benefit levels depend on the distance travelled, and range from \$123 to a maximum of \$1,555 per annum
- Remote Area Allowance - assistance of \$1,901 per annum is available to students attending campuses of the Australian Agricultural College Corporation in lieu of Years 11 and 12
- Remote Area Disability Supplement - available to students with disabilities who incur additional costs associated with living away from home to attend school. Benefits are up to \$6,190 per student per annum.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme	5.0	5.1

The Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme assists families by providing funding towards the transport costs of students attending non-Government schools outside of the Brisbane City Council area. Under the scheme, reimbursement is provided for transport expenses above a set weekly threshold amount. In 2013, the threshold is \$22 per week for families, or \$17 for families with a Health Care card, Pensioner or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card.

The program also assists families of students with disabilities who attend a non-Government school. The level of assistance provided is dependent on the type of transport needed. For families using taxis, assistance is capped at \$300 per week, inclusive of any assistance provided through the Taxi Subsidy Scheme administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Distance Education - Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme	0.7	0.7

The Distance Education Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme provides assistance to meet the cost of computer equipment for geographically isolated and medical category students enrolled in a school of distance education. Geographically isolated category students are also eligible for an additional subsidy for subscribing to an internet service.

The scheme provides \$250 per annum to assist with purchasing, replacing or upgrading computer hardware for students in the distance/geographically isolated and medical categories, and \$500 per annum to assist students in the distance/geographically isolated category to meet the costs of broadband Internet access and download charges for the home classroom. Eligible students also receive access to free software licences.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Distance Education - Non-Government Student Fee Subsidy	0.3	0.3

This fee subsidy is available to students who are enrolled in non-Government schools and also choose to access distance education subjects. It provides an average annual subsidy of approximately \$1,130 per distance education subject enrolment.

This arrangement enables the State to make distance education available to non-Government schools, ensuring the widest possible subject choice for students, whilst recovering a proportion of the teaching and overhead costs.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus Residential Facility	3.0	2.3

Through this arrangement the Government provides affordable residential accommodation for secondary school students in a boarding facility. The concession targets secondary school students from rural and remote communities. However, any secondary age student is eligible. Students accommodated at the residential facility are enrolled at Dalby State High School and participate in agricultural education programs.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Far North Queensland - Student Residential College	0.5	0.5

Government funding is provided to reduce the cost of providing a residential facility in Weipa for students from the Torres Strait and Cape York whose home community does not provide secondary schooling. The funding meets the cost of wages for the residential college increasing the affordability of the accommodation rates charged to students.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Tuition fee exemptions/waivers - dependants of international students	5.2	5.2

International students who meet the approved exemption criteria and wish to enrol their child in Preparatory (Prep) Year to Year 12 of schooling are exempt from paying dependant tuition fees. The exemption only applies for the duration of the main temporary visa holder's (parent) course of study in Queensland.

A dependant student (Prep to Year 12) of a temporary visa holder may also be eligible for a tuition fee waiver in certain circumstances, including financial hardship.

## **Department of Energy and Water Supply**

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Ergon Energy Retail - Uniform Tariff Policy	608.0	615.0

The Government's uniform tariff policy ensures that all Queensland electricity customers of a similar type pay the same price for electricity, regardless of where they live. As these prices do not reflect the full cost of electricity supply for most remote and regional Queenslanders, the Government provides funding to Ergon Energy Retail to cover the difference between the revenue earned and the efficient cost of supplying electricity to its customers.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Origin Energy - Uniform Tariff Policy	5.0	5.0

The Government's uniform tariff policy ensures that all Queensland electricity customers of a similar type pay the same price for electricity, regardless of where they live. Origin Energy retails electricity to approximately 5,700 Queensland customers in the Goondiwindi, Texas and Inglewood areas who are supplied electricity through the New South Wales distribution network.

As the prices these customers pay do not reflect the full cost of supplying electricity in these areas, the Government provides a rebate to Origin Energy to ensure that these customers pay no more for electricity than other similar customers in Queensland.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Urban Water Price Path	398.0	284.0

Bulk water prices in South East Queensland (SEQ) are currently set at levels below the cost of supply. This has been the case since the commencement of a 10 year price path in 2008. The difference between revenue received, based on these below cost prices, and the costs to be recovered is funded by debt, which is due to be repaid from bulk water prices from 2017-18 to 2027-28.

However, it should be noted that this under recovery is not funded through a Community Service Obligation or through consolidated revenue but is rather funded by debt which is to be recovered from SEQ bulk water prices.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy	9.0	7.4

SunWater Limited (SunWater) owns and operates water supply schemes across regional Queensland. As the owner of SunWater, the Government decides how much to recover of SunWater's costs through irrigation prices. Currently, SunWater's irrigation water prices are set below the efficient cost to supply water to irrigators.

Government funding is provided to SunWater to offset the reduced revenue and to ensure that lower water prices are paid by rural irrigation customers. In 2013-14, the impact of this subsidy on irrigation water prices varies by irrigation scheme. Without the subsidy, water prices would be a weighted average of \$10 per megalitre higher.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Bulk Water Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy	1.3	3.7

Seqwater provides bulk water storage and treatment services to the South East Queensland Water Grid and also provides bulk water distribution services to rural irrigation customers. Currently Seqwater's rural irrigation prices are set below the efficient cost of supply.

Government funding is provided to Seqwater to offset the reduced revenue and to ensure that lower water prices are paid by rural irrigation customers. In 2013-14, the impact of this subsidy on irrigation water prices is estimated as a weighted average of \$33 per megalitre.



## Department of Housing and Public Works

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Government managed housing rental rebate	402.1	409.6

The Government managed housing rental rebate provides help to low income families and individuals, and represents the difference between the rents that would be payable in the private market and rent that is charged by Government based on household income.

Assistance is provided to over 54,000 households. The estimated average yearly subsidy per household for 2013-14 is \$7,571.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Non-government managed housing	estimate not available	estimate not available

The Government provides contributions to social housing providers, including capital grants, granted land or properties, or recurrent funding, to assist in increasing the supply of affordable housing and access to social housing.

Due to the nature of the arrangement, the overall value of the concession provided by the Government cannot be quantified at this time. However, rents charged for social housing are broadly based on 25% of a household's assessable income, which substantially reduces accommodation costs for eligible individuals and families.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
National Rental Affordability Scheme	9.1	20.7

The National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) is an Australian Government initiative, delivered in partnership with the Queensland Government, to increase the supply of new affordable rental housing. The scheme provides financial incentives to the business and community sectors, and investors to build well located dwellings and rent them to eligible low to moderate income households, at a discounted rate at least 20% below market rent.

Under the scheme the concession to the tenant is provided by the property owner. Due to the nature of the arrangement, the overall value of the concession cannot be quantified. In 2013-14, the Government has allocated \$20.7 million for the payment of financial incentives to NRAS investors who are then required to pass on a discounted rent to tenants.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Home Assist Secure	17.4	17.9

Home Assist Secure targets home owners and those in rental housing who are over 60 years of age or have a disability, and who wish to remain living in their home.

Home Assist Secure provides free information and referral services for home maintenance, repairs, modifications and home security. Subsidised assistance with specific minor home maintenance, repairs, minor modifications and security is also available for eligible clients who are in receipt of an Australian Government pension or benefit, and are unable to make use of alternative assistance. Labour costs are subsidised for eligible clients (up to \$400 per household per year) by Home Assist Secure, with the balance of the costs (including all materials) met by the client.

In 2013-14, \$17.9 million in grants to Home Assist Secure providers will be issued to ensure the ongoing delivery of assistance to those in need, which includes subsidised assistance to eligible clients.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Non-residential buildings - subsidised rents	5.2	5.3

Accommodation is provided to 43 community, arts and not-for-profit organisations in Government owned non-residential buildings. Rents paid by the organisations are often below assessed market rent levels. Tenures for the occupancies are by way of leases, licences or month to month arrangements. The provision of accommodation and rent subsidies assist the organisations deliver services to several communities.

Twenty four properties are subject to subsidised rental arrangements, including a total floor area of approximately 25,700 square metres.

The total subsidy is calculated by deducting the actual amount paid by the occupants from the total estimated annual market rent for the space.

## Department of Justice and Attorney-General

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Public Trustee of Queensland - Concessions	27.0	28.4

The Public Trustee of Queensland is a self funding organisation and uses a scale of fees which is designed to reflect a fair cost for the services provided.

The Government has approved that the interests of disadvantaged clients be protected by offering subsidies for these fees. Subsidised services include financial administration for clients with impaired financial decision making capacity and limited means, administration of estates or trusts for beneficiaries with limited means and free will making services for Queenslanders. The Public Trustee also provides funding to other Government bodies, including the Office of the Adult Guardian and Legal Aid Queensland, to enable them to provide services to the people of Queensland.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Body Corporate and Community Management - Dispute Resolution Service	1.9	1.9

The Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate and Community Management provides a dispute resolution service to parties unable to resolve disputes themselves. The service consists of conciliation, with the aim of achieving a voluntary agreement, and adjudication, which results in a formal order. A lodgement fee of \$67 (fee as at 1 July 2012) is paid by participants. The service is delivered below full cost recovery so as not to restrict access to justice due to affordability reasons.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Electrical Safety Office - Equipment Certifications	0.1	0.1

The Electrical Safety Office provides a process of certification of household and similar electrical equipment, which is required by regulation, as part of the strategy to ensure electrically safe equipment is sold to consumers in Queensland. The fee (currently \$449.20) is paid by manufacturers and importers of electrical equipment and is less than the full cost of the certification process.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Youth Justice Adventure Based Learning Services (The Outlooks)	3.0	2.8

Adventure Based Learning is an early intervention strategy, providing young people with unique opportunities to reflect on their behaviour, values and choices and consider constructive ways to learn and grow. It can include a range of activities and expeditions such as canoeing, hiking, challenge ropes courses, kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing. The course fees paid by participants equate, on average, to 12% of the cost of the course.

### **Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing**

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Tour fee and access permit concessions	0.9	0.9

Concessional tour fees are available for children, students, adults, families and pensioners in specified protected areas. These areas are Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park, David Fleay Wildlife Park, Fort Lytton National Park, Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway, Mon Repos Conservation Park, Mt Etna Caves National Park, St Helena Island National Park and the Walk-About Creek Wildlife Centre. In addition, fee concessions are provided for camping ground and vehicle access permits.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Active Recreation Centres - concessional usage rates	0.3	0.3

Concessional rates are offered to children and students 17 years and under, for the use of Active Recreation Centres at Currimundi, Tinaroo and Tallebudgera. These concessional rates provide discounts of between 4.4% and 39.6%.

## Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Queensland Art Gallery - Arts concessional entry fees	2.3	2.7

Ticket prices for exhibitions at the Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art are set to ensure that they are affordable and to maximise attendance, with additional concessions provided to seniors, students, children, families and a variety of concession card holders. The level of concession provided varies depending on the exhibition.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Arts concessional entry fees	1.5	0.8

Queensland Performing Arts Trust (QPAT) offers concessional ticket prices to eligible patrons for QPAT productions. The level of concession provided varies depending on the number and size of events being held each year.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Queensland Museum - Arts concessional entry fees	0.2	0.3

Queensland Museum provides concessional entry fees to seniors, students, children, families and a variety of concession card holders for ticketed exhibitions at Queensland Museum South Bank and for entry to Cobb & Co Museum Toowoomba, The Workshops Rail Museum Ipswich, and Museum of Tropical Queensland. Concessions are also provided to targeted groups, such as schools, to encourage visits to museums. The level of concession provided varies depending on the venue and the event.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Arts Queensland - Discount on property lease rentals	0.8	0.7

Arts Queensland provides property lease rentals to arts and cultural organisations at a discount from market rental rates at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, 381 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley and the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts.

Discounts range from 20% to 100% of the market rate (dependent on location) for commercial office space. Further discounts on specialist rehearsal and gallery space are given as negotiated at the time of entering the lease and dependent on the individual arts or cultural organisation and its funding.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Venue hire rebates	0.6	0.6

QPAT offers rebates on venue rental fees charged to Government funded cultural organisations, charitable organisations, government departments and educational institutions. Organisations currently receiving discounts are the Major Performing Arts Organisations, Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Opera Queensland, Queensland Theatre Company and Queensland Ballet.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
State Library of Queensland - Venue hire rebates	0.2	0.2

State Library of Queensland provides venue hire concessions to targeted community and not-for-profit groups including cultural and charitable organisations and educational institutions in order to support events and programs directly linked to State Library of Queensland's services, programs, and activities.

## Department of Transport and Main Roads

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
General Public Transport Concessions (South East Queensland)	1,018.3	1,032.8

This concession represents the direct funding contribution that Government makes towards the cost of operating public transport services within South East Queensland. This contribution effectively reduces the ticket price paid by all public transport users on bus, rail and ferry services, increasing the affordability of these services.

This concession incorporates Government decisions to introduce free *gocard* travel each week after nine trips in that week and to increase fares by 7.5% in 2014 and 2015, compared to the 15% annual increases announced by the former Government. The average cost of the concession per passenger trip (bus, rail and ferry) is estimated to be \$6.40 in 2013-14.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
General Public Transport Concessions (Regional Queensland)	210.9	214.0

This concession identifies the financial contribution that Government provides across a range of transport services in regional Queensland. The impact of this contribution benefits all public transport users through reduced transport fares. This concession covers:

- TravelTrain (excluding the 'Rail Concession Scheme' for eligible pensioners, veterans and seniors)
- subsidies for Regional Bus and Ferry Operators (excluding concessional top up amounts and School Transport Assistance Scheme related amounts)
- subsidies for the Rail XPT Service (Sydney-Brisbane) and Savannahlander (Atherton Tableland)
- subsidies for Air Services to remote and rural communities within the State
- subsidies for Long Distance Coach Services to rural and remote communities within the State.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
TransLink Transport Concessions (South East Queensland)	102.8	105.0

Public transport concessions in South East Queensland are provided by the Government to ensure access and mobility for Queenslanders who require assistance because of age, disability or fixed low income. Passengers entitled to receive public transport concessions include holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, Seniors Card (all states and territories), Companion Card, Vision Impairment Travel Pass, TPI Veteran Travel Pass, children, as well as secondary and tertiary students. For a peak two zone journey using a *gocard*, the concession will reduce an adult fare from \$3.85 to \$1.93.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Other transport concessions (Regional Queensland) and taxi subsidies	26.6	25.8

Public transport concessions for bus and ferries in regional Queensland are provided by the Government to ensure access and mobility for Queenslanders who require assistance because of age, disability or fixed low income. Passengers entitled to receive public transport concessions include holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, Seniors Card (all states and territories), Companion Card, Vision Impairment Travel Pass, TPI Veteran Travel Pass, children, as well as secondary and tertiary students.

The Taxi Subsidy Scheme aims to improve the mobility of persons with severe disabilities by providing a 50% concession fare up to a maximum subsidy of \$25 per trip.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Designated Public Transport Concessions for Seniors Card Holders	3.8	3.8

This concession allows visitors from interstate, who hold a state or territory Seniors Card, to access public transport concessions within Queensland. This scheme commenced in 2009 and is fully funded by the Australian Government.



	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding	503.7	546.9

This contract arrangement provides funding to ensure that the State supported rail network is safe, reliable and fit for purpose. The contract also provides funding to Queensland Rail to support major capital projects and related asset strategies. The funding provided via this contract directly benefits customers of the State supported rail network, including both freight and passengers. Without this funding, rail access charges (including public transport fares) would be significantly higher for all users of the rail network.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Rail Concession Scheme	36.0	36.9

The Queensland Rail Concession Scheme improves the affordability of long distance and urban rail services for eligible pensioners, veterans and seniors. Assistance for long distance rail services is provided through discounted fares and free travel vouchers. For TravelTrain (long distance rail) services, depending on the service, the concession may be for free travel for up to four trips per year for Queensland pensioners (subject to availability of seats and payment of an administration fee).

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Aurizon - Livestock and Regional Freight Contracts	180.6	144.9

The Livestock and Regional Freight Transport Services Contracts provide funding to support Aurizon in the movement of cattle (via rail only) and freight (via road and rail) to and from regional areas of Queensland. The funding provided directly benefits the cattle industry and enables regional communities to maintain employment and directly benefits communities in regional Queensland who are reliant on rail freight services by reducing the cost of these freight services for users.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
School Transport Assistance Scheme	132.2	139.7

The School Transport Assistance Scheme assists students that do not have a school in their local area or who are from defined low income groups with travel costs. The scheme provides funding to reduce the cost of travelling to school on bus, rail and/or ferry services, with allowances for private vehicle transport in certain circumstances.

A typical concession would be to fully fund the cost of travel from home to the nearest State primary or high school where no local primary or high school is available (for example from Bargara to Bundaberg High School).

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Light and heavy vehicle registration concessions	125.0	127.9

Motor vehicle and boat registration concessions are provided to holders of the Pensioner Concession Card, Queensland Seniors Card and to those receiving a Gold Card TPI pension. The concession is aimed at improving access to travel for pensioners and seniors and provides a reduced rate of registration fees. For most pensioners and Seniors Card holders, a concession for a family 4-cylinder vehicle would reduce the 12 month registration charge from \$328.90 to \$188.90. For a recreational boat up to and including 4.5 metres in length, the concession reduces the registration charge from \$91.70 to \$55.18 (based on registration charges at 1 July 2013).

Other motor vehicle and boat registration concessions are also provided to primary producers, local governments, charitable and community service organisations, and people living in remote areas without access to the wider road network and for certain types of vehicles. Further information can be found at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au>.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Commercial ship registration and licensing	5.7	5.9

The Queensland Vessel Traffic Management System including Aids to Navigation, ship design and inspection standards, and ship operator competency standards is funded from commercial ship registration and licensing revenue. The concession represents the difference between the cost of providing safe passage of ships in Queensland waters and revenue collected via registration and licensing fees. The concession represents a benefit to commercial ship owners and licensees.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Recreational ship registration and licensing	1.0	1.0

Recreational ship infrastructure and safety services supporting the safe use of waterways are funded from fees collected for recreational ship registration and recreational marine driver licences. The concession represents the difference between the cost of the registration and licensing process and the revenue collected via fees.

Pensioners are provided a further 50% reduction in the cost of recreational ship registration.

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Practical Driving Test	5.6	5.8

As part of the State's driver licensing arrangements applicants for new licences are required to undertake a practical driving test. The total cost to pre-book driver examinations and to perform the practical driver assessment is not fully recovered by the fee charged (\$48.80 as at 1 July 2013), providing a direct concession to applicants.

## **Queensland Health**

	<b>2012-13 \$ million</b>	<b>2013-14 \$ million</b>
Oral Health Scheme	130.6	165.2

The Oral Health Scheme provides free dental care to eligible clients and their dependants who possess a current Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Queensland Seniors Card or Commonwealth Seniors Card. The average value of a course of treatment for eligible clients is approximately \$600 for general care, \$1,800 for treatment involving dentures, and \$265 for emergency dental care. In rural and remote areas where no private dental practitioner exists, access to dental care for the general public is provided at a concessional rate which is generally 15% to 20% less than average private dentist fees.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme	70.1	94.9

The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme provides financial assistance to patients who need to access specialist medical services which are not available within their local area. The Scheme provides a subsidy towards the cost of travel and accommodation for patients and, in some cases, an approved escort. From 1 January 2013, the mileage subsidy increased from 15 cents to 30 cents per kilometre where a private vehicle is used, and the accommodation subsidy increased from \$30 to \$60 per person per night for commercial accommodation. A subsidy of \$10 per person per night is payable for patients and approved escorts who stay in private accommodation.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme	39.9	40.8

The Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme provides access to funding assistance for the provision of a range of aids and equipment to eligible Queensland residents with permanent and stabilised conditions or disabilities. Aids and equipment are provided primarily to assist people to live at home thus avoiding premature or inappropriate residential care or hospitalisation.

Subsidies vary based on service category and clinical criteria and are provided to assist with the costs of communication aids, continence aids, daily living aids, medical grade footwear, mobility aids, orthoses and oxygen. The scheme provides on average 60,000 occasions of service to approximately 38,000 clients each year.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Spectacle Supply Scheme	8.6	9.3

The Spectacle Supply Scheme provides access to eligible Queensland residents to a comprehensive range of free basic spectacles every two years including bifocals and trifocals. Applicants must be holders of eligible concession cards and be deemed by a prescriber to have a clinical need for spectacles.

The scheme provides around 85,000 items each year to approximately 70,000 clients (some clients require more than one pair of spectacles due to clinical need). The average cost of services to each eligible applicant is approximately \$135, including the costs of administering the scheme through the Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme.

## CS Energy Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Gladstone Power Station Interconnection and Power Pooling Agreement (IPPA)	commercial-in-confidence	commercial-in-confidence

CS Energy Limited is party to the IPPA, a long term contract which allows CS Energy Limited to dispatch and partially trade the output of Gladstone Power Station. The costs of maintaining this contract exceed the revenues of the trade which benefits the private sector owners of the Gladstone Power Station.

Whilst current estimates are commercial-in-confidence, CS Energy Limited's 2011-12 Annual Report quantifies the value of the agreement up to the contract expiry date at \$233.6 million as at 30 June 2012.

## ENERGEX Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Regulated Service Charges	12.2	12.2

Under Schedule 8 of the *Electricity Regulations 2006*, service charges for a range of services provided by ENERGEX Limited (Energex) to energy retailers, for example disconnection and reconnection of supply, are capped. The maximum amount Energex is able to charge for these services is, on average, less than 5% of what the Australian Energy Regulator values the provision of these services by Energex at resulting in a concession provided to energy retailers and in turn households.

## Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	0.6	0.6
Concessional Leases - Community	0.2	0.2

Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited (FNQPC) provides several leases to agricultural industry proponents at below commercial rates. FNQPC also provides leases to various community organisations at below commercial rates. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.

## Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Concessional Port Charges	44.7	47.3

The Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC) is subject to a number of long term major industry contracts where port charges are significantly below commercial rates. These historical contracts were entered into to support various industries and Government initiatives. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by GPC as a result of being unable to charge commercial rates.

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	3.5	3.4
Concessional Leases - Community	0.5	0.5

GPC has various land and building lease arrangements at below commercial rates. These contracts relate to incentives to improve utilisation of port land and assets, and to establish businesses within port precincts. GPC also provides support to community and not-for-profit organisations through concessional leasing arrangements. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.

## North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	1.5	1.5
Concessional Leases - Community	0.2	0.2

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited (NQBP) provides several long term leases to agricultural industry proponents at below commercial rates. NQBP also provides leases to various community organisations, local councils and Government departments at below commercial rates. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.

## Port of Townsville Limited

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Concessional Leases - Industry/Commercial	4.9	5.1
Concessional Leases - Community	0.1	0.1

Port of Townsville Limited has a number of long term leases at below commercial rates with the sugar industry, recreational marine businesses and the not-for-profit sector at the Port of Townsville and the Port of Lucinda. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.

## Queensland Rail

	2012-13 \$ million	2013-14 \$ million
Kuranda Scenic Railway	12.6	12.4

Kuranda Scenic Railway is a 37km railway line used predominantly for tourist railway services between Cairns and Kuranda. The amount shown represents the difference between ticket revenue and the cost of providing the service, effectively subsidising users of the railway.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Heritage Rail Services	8.8	8.8

Heritage Rail Services repairs and maintains the heritage rail fleet and hires it out to interested parties at below cost. The amount shown represents the difference between revenue and the cost of providing these services.

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Concessional Leases - Community	1.5	1.6

Queensland Rail leases properties, typically to community organisations, at below commercial rates under the continuation of pre-existing arrangements. The properties are generally of historical significance to the local community and the lessee often undertakes beautification works on the property. The amount shown is an estimate of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.

### **Stanwell Corporation Limited**

	<b>2012-13</b> <b>\$ million</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>\$ million</b>
Fixed Water Grid Contracts	31.7	37.1

The Tarong and Swanbank power stations are subject to Water Grid Supply Contracts and pay a fixed charge and a usage charge under these contracts. The fixed component of the water grid charges is non-commercial which benefits South East Queensland households who would otherwise pay higher water infrastructure charges.



## SunWater Limited

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>\$ million</b>
Water Supply Contracts	1.5	0.8

SunWater Limited (SunWater) has a number of water supply contracts that benefit specific entities, predominantly local government authorities. SunWater has commenced reviewing these contracts following the finalisation of the Queensland Competition Authority's review of irrigation water pricing. The amount shown is an estimate of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.



