Question on Notice
No. 1
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

Jobs supported through these commitments include:

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 2
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

Driving innovation is a key strategy of this Government.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 3
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 4
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 5
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

Question on Notice
No. 6
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 7
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 8
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 9
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 10
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 11
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 12
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 13
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

A link to this report is below:
https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/2019-20-conduct-and-performance-data

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 14
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 15
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Operational budgets were:

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

Question on Notice
No. 16
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

With reference to page 11 of the SDS in relation to disaster management, can the Premier provide:
a) the budget for disaster management co-ordination by the Department in 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (reported separately by year),
b) the actual expenditure in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (reported separately by year),
c) the number of meetings in 2019/20 (including the date of meetings), and
d) the number of meetings attended by the Premier in 2019/20 (including the date of meetings)?

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20, 24, 26 and 30 March 2020

2, 8,15, 23 and 29 April 2020

14 and 28 May 2020

11 and 25 June 2020.

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 17
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

The Terms of Reference are being developed.

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

Question on Notice
No. 18
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 19
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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

Question on Notice
No. 20
Asked on 3 December 2020

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

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

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

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