Finance and Administration Committee Hearing, Tuesday, 18 August 2015

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE BY THE TREASURER, MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON C PITT)—

QUESTION:

Further information to be provided to the Committee in relation to the size and composition of the Industrial Relations Legislative Reform Reference Group (Hansard reference pages 101-102):

ANSWER:

An independent reference group will be appointed to carry out the first major review of Queensland's industrial relations laws since 1998.

Forming this reference group delivers on a pre-election commitment to update Queensland's industrial relations laws by making them as fair and balanced as possible.

This will be a major and comprehensive review of the state's industrial relations laws and tribunals, including the structure, functions and powers of the tribunals.

The Industrial Relations Legislative Reform Reference Group consists of an independent Chair and 18 members.

The membership includes an industrial relations expert and an academic with relevant expertise. It also includes representatives from the following organisations:

- Australian Industry Group (1);
- Australian Workers' Union (1);
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (1);
- Local Government Association of Queensland (1);
- Office of Industrial Relations (Queensland Treasury) (1);
- Public Service Commission (1);
- Queensland Bar Association (1);
- Queensland Council of Unions (4);
- Department of Education and Training (1);
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet (1);
- Queensland Health (1);
- Queensland Law Society (1); and
- Queensland Treasury (1).