

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 1

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

Will the Premier advise of the benefits of hosting the Northern Queensland Economic Summit, and the Advance Queensland Investment and Innovation Summit?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Government has hosted two important summits – the Northern Queensland Economic Summit and the Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit – in the past year to help promote investment in our state.

**Northern Queensland Economic Summit**

The Northern Queensland Economic Summit was held on 4-6 November in Cairns and attracted 280 Australian and international investors to discuss trade and investment opportunities in Northern Queensland. Approximately one-third of delegates represented foreign investment interests, with lead representation from China and Japan.

The summit program also supported a Northern Australia Investment Forum breakfast at the Darwin Convention Centre held immediately after the Cairns Summit with 300 attendees.

The summit provided an opportunity to present successful investment case studies and showcase investment opportunities in Northern Queensland. Investment opportunities presented were: transport infrastructure projects including Port of Townsville expansion and Whitsunday Coast airport; Ella Bay integrated resort development; resource opportunities including Mt Carbine tungsten and China Stone coal project; FinFish aquaculture project; and the Digital Homestead innovation project.

Ministers and other senior government officials held 20 formal meetings with delegates to discuss investment opportunities and promote Queensland projects. Follow-up case-management actions have since occurred, including: relationship building and networking opportunities for attracting future investment in Queensland; identifying broad range of future project leads in the alternative energy, agriculture and resources sectors; and potential follow-through investment into Northern Queensland.

Since the summit, identified case management outcomes have been actively progressed and 16 opportunities are the subject of continuing case management to confirm potential project and investment opportunities. These opportunities, which are currently commercial-in-confidence, will continue to be monitored by relevant departments and agencies.

**Advance Queensland Investment and Innovation Summit**

The inaugural Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit was held in Brisbane from 27-29 April 2016.

The summit put a spotlight on Queensland innovation, and investing in Queensland's new economy and brought together world's best visionaries in technology, innovation and entrepreneurship to inspire and empower Queenslanders.

The two-day summit was attended by more than 1700 delegates and showcased world-class speakers, including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. The first day featured plenary sessions exploring innovation opportunities in several key industries and investing in innovation to harness its potential. The focus of the second day was the Start-up Festival, which included sessions on inspired entrepreneurship, how to get investment in your start-up and social innovation.

The summit trended on social media in the top five for three days with #AdvanceQld and #AQ Summit hashtags reaching approximately 2.8 million views. The summit and associated events generated more than 10,660 social media mentions, and reached an audience of 20.5 million prior to, during and post event.

Initial consultation with summit delegates indicates a number of investments and other commercial outcomes resulting from connections at the summit are close to being finalised. For example:

- A Queensland-based venture capital firm is now in the final stages of executing an investment outcome.
- A Queensland-based technology firm is now well progressed in negotiating a major new distribution agreement and presenting their product to international investors for a major international event.
- A large multi-national technology company is progressing venture capital investments and considering a sponsorship opportunity for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
- A SoftBank Memorandum of Understanding is being progressed.

Positive feedback has been obtained through surveys sent to delegates before, during and after the summit:

- 91 per cent extended business connections/professional networks
- 70 per cent made new business connections
- 89 per cent indicated the summit met and/or exceeded expectations
- 98 per cent would attend the 2017 summit.

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 2

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS and the work of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to develop policies to diversify Queensland's economy by facilitating investment, encouraging innovation and planning for infrastructure development:

Will the Premier advise what initiatives in the budget are aimed at advancing Queensland's economy for jobs now and jobs for the future?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland faces both opportunities and challenges as we transition to a more diversified economy. The Queensland Government's first priority is job creation, particularly in regional Queensland where unemployment rates remain higher than other parts of the State and where local communities are dealing with the worldwide downturn in the resources sector and global fluctuations in resource prices.

To address these issues and to improve the living standards and quality of life of all Queenslanders, the Government is fostering innovative and creative approaches to drive economic growth and create high-value, knowledge-based jobs now and for the future, particularly through the \$405 million investment in our Accelerating Advance Queensland initiative.

The Government is focused on increasing business investment in Queensland to create sustainable jobs now and into the future. The \$40 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund will show the world that Queensland is open for business and an attractive business destination. The fund will attract business investment from interstate while also supporting local business to reinvest and expand.

The fund will target priority industries such as biofutures, advanced manufacturing, defence and aerospace, and biomedical and life sciences, alongside areas of traditional strength such as agribusiness and mining equipment, technology and services.

The Government has set out a vision that by 2025, Queensland will have a \$1 billion sustainable export-orientated industrial biotechnology sector attracting significant international investment and creating thousands of regional, high-value and knowledge-intensive jobs. This vision was boosted in 2015–16 with the Government securing a \$16 million advanced biofuels plant to be built at Southern Oil Refining's Yarwun plant at Gladstone.

The Government is also ensuring that both start-ups and established businesses, supported by a co-investor, have access to funding through the \$40 million Advance Queensland Business Development Fund. This fund invests from \$125,000 up to \$2.5 million in matched funding, alongside private sector co-investors, to help businesses turn their ideas and

innovations into commercial realities. The fund has attracted considerable interest with almost 30 applications received and considered by an investment panel since October 2015. In June this year, the Government announced the first successful business to secure investment under the fund, Tritium.

The Government is continuing to work with the private sector to encourage investment in Queensland through the streamlined Market-Led Proposals initiative. The initiative has had a strong response from the private sector with proposals received across a range of sectors including transport, tourism, justice and education. Four proponents have been approved by the Government to prepare detailed proposals. The projects are: the Queensland Aquarium and Maritime Museum; the Brisbane International Cruise Ship Terminal; the Mount Cotton Driver Training Centre; and the Logan Motorway Enhancement Project. Together, these four projects are valued at more than \$665 million and offer the potential for more than 1600 jobs during construction and more than \$2 billion in wider economic benefits to Queensland.

In 2016-17, \$60 million has been allocated for Skilling Queenslanders for Work, helping up to 8000 Queenslanders get the skills they need to get back into the workforce or enter higher level training. This is part of the Government's commitment of \$240 million over four years, to deliver up to 32,000 placements. Some \$3.3 million has been allocated to the Schools of the Future initiative, which aims to prepare school students for the opportunities of the knowledge-based economy by targeting science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects. As part of this initiative, we have fast-tracked the teaching of coding and robotics through the Digital Technologies Curriculum and will further develop our Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow program. This initiative will be complemented by the \$7.1 million Global Schools initiative, which aims to prepare young Queenslanders for the new digital economy by increasing our focus on Asian languages and culture in schools.

As part of the 2016–17 Budget, the Government more than doubled funding for its flagship Advance Queensland initiative. This has boosted Advance Queensland to a \$405 million commitment to create a statewide, whole-of-government agenda to support businesses to innovate, while supporting the entrepreneurial activity and opportunities in the State's tourism, agricultural, health and education sectors.

The Government also recognises the major contribution small businesses make to Queensland's economy. Queensland is home to more than 400,000 businesses which employ around 43 per cent of the State's total private sector workforce. That is why the Budget includes \$22.7 million for the Advance Small Business Queensland Strategy.

The Government recognises the important role that infrastructure investment plays in promoting economic growth and creating jobs. That is why the Government has developed the Queensland State Infrastructure Plan which outlines an infrastructure pipeline and provides certainty to industry and a clear vision for the future, with a new approach to infrastructure planning and prioritisation to meet future needs.

The Budget allocates more than \$40 billion in infrastructure over four years, including a \$10.7 billion capital program in 2016–17 which will support an estimated 31,000 jobs. This will see \$4.388 billion spent on essential transport infrastructure and \$645 million on the construction and refurbishment of school facilities, early childhood and care services and training assets.

**Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 3**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

Page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS states that Department of the Premier and Cabinet has responsibility for developing policy settings to encourage renewable energy uptake.

What policy changes has the Government made to support this industry?

**ANSWER:**

My Government is committed to increasing the uptake of renewable energy to create jobs now and jobs for the future, continue to boost investment, act on climate change, and also deliver value for both customers and the Government.

Under our renewable energy policy, *A Solar Future*, we are continuing to progress a range of initiatives to revive the renewable energy investment that had stalled under the previous Government. Measures being progressed as a part of the policy include:

- an aspirational target of one million solar residential rooftops or 3000 megawatts of installed photovoltaic capacity by 2020
- the draft report for the Queensland Productivity Commission's inquiry into a fair price for solar was publicly released in March, my Government is currently considering the final report
- Solar 120, a trial large-scale solar power program of up to 120 megawatts to support private investment and jobs in the renewable energy industry
- the Queensland Renewable Energy Expert Panel inquiry on a credible pathway to a 50 per cent renewable energy target for Queensland by 2030.

A wave of renewable energy projects have been proposed across regional Queensland in response to my Government's policies. We have been greatly encouraged by the response from the private sector. Our 2016-17 State Budget continues our investment in renewable energy.

*50 per cent renewable energy by 2030*

The independent Queensland Renewable Energy Expert Panel has released an issues paper for public consultation, which will be followed by a draft report for further consultation later in the year. The Panel will then deliver a final report to Government that will include the outcomes of the public consultation process. The Panel's work is supported by funding of \$1.2 million from within existing budget allocations.

*Solar 120*

In August 2015 we lifted our commitment for a solar auction from 40 megawatts to 60 megawatts and entered into a partnership with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.

Since then, the Government has tripled its initial commitment to 120 megawatts of installed large-scale solar generation. This extends our push for investment in new, large-scale solar generation developments in Queensland. The Solar 120 program will create an estimated 250 regional construction jobs, act on climate change and deliver value for both customers and government. We expect to execute final support agreements with successful Solar 120 projects by the end of the year.

#### Ergon Energy renewable energy tender

My Government recently announced that Ergon Energy will purchase the power produced by the 170 megawatt (MW) wind farm at Mount Emerald in far north Queensland. The project will generate an estimated \$400 million in total expenditure in the region over the two-year construction period and more than \$900 million when flow-on impacts are taken into account over the 25-year life of the project.

My Government has invested in renewable energy, kept Ergon and Energex in public hands and refocused government policy on renewables to encourage major commitments such as this. And all of Queensland will reap the jobs and environmental benefits that flow from them.

#### Private sector activity

The enabling environment my Government has created for renewable energy has given the private sector the confidence to invest in Queensland.

Origin Energy has recently announced its support for what will be the largest solar farm in Australia, marking the first deal ever struck between an electricity retailer and private solar developer and a turning point in Australia's energy market. The \$400 million 100 MW solar farm in Clare in north Queensland will create up to 200 jobs during its two-year construction.

AGL has also recently announced its plans to build Queensland's largest wind farm in Coopers Gap. The \$500 million 150 MW wind farm near Brisbane would employ up to 350 people during construction and provide ongoing employment for around 20 workers once completed.

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 4

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS and ask the Premier what is the Palaszczuk Government doing to accelerate the Advance Queensland strategy?

**ANSWER:**

Advance Queensland (AQ) is a transformational agenda leveraging the State's competitive strengths, spurring innovation-led economic growth and generating the knowledge-based, sustainable jobs of the future.

It provides the foundations to harness our creativity and entrepreneurship. It represents a real opportunity for government, business, industry, research institutions, not-for-profit organisations and the community to work together to turn Queensland ideas into outcomes.

The Government is committed to making Queensland Australia's innovation leader. This is why we are increasing our investment from \$180 million to \$405 million with the Accelerating Advance Queensland program.

The initial \$180 million AQ program kick-started the innovation journey by boosting our research activities, encouraging entrepreneurs and startups, and connecting researchers with industry.

Accelerating Advance Queensland is a significant boost to the government's investment in innovation. It leverages the success of our initial \$180 million in 2015-16 and extends this by \$225 million in 2016-17.

The \$405 million Accelerating Advance Queensland program reinforces how important innovation is to our future and includes a broader focus on sectors such as small business and tourism. The package extends our potential as an innovation hub and prime gateway for new markets. This package will harness innovation to grow our regions, unlock business potential, strengthen our existing industries and foster new ones, and prepare generations of Queenslanders for the jobs of the future.

The Accelerating Advance Queensland package does this through four key areas:

**1. Unlocking the potential of business to innovate (\$32.7 million):**

- \$22.7 million – *Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy*
- \$10 million – *Platform Technology Program*.

**2. Harnessing existing strengths and fostering emerging opportunities (\$72.6 million):**

- \$3.9 million – *New Agricultural Economy*
- \$40 million – *Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund*
- \$9 million – *Industry Accelerators*

- \$19.7 million – *Queensland Biofutures 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan.*

**3. Building future generations (\$70.4 million):**

- \$35 million – *Integrated Healthcare Fund*
- \$25 million – *Clinical Genomics Service*
- \$7.1 million – *Global schools.*
- \$3.3 million – *Schools of the Future;*

**4. Growing our regions (\$49.5 million):**

- \$6 million – *Regional Innovation Hubs*
- \$10 million – *Cairns Innovation Centre (CIC)*
- \$33.5 million – *Advance Queensland: Connecting with Asia – tourism in the regions package.*

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 5

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 4 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet SDS and the government's focus on jobs and economic growth:

What is the Palaszczuk Government doing to support rural communities and agricultural industries?

**ANSWER:**

This Government is keenly aware of the serious economic impacts drought has had on Queensland's rural communities and primary producers. That is why in this year's Budget we committed to a \$77.9 million Rural Assistance and Drought Package to help rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought. It includes\*:

- \$41.9 million to extend existing drought relief arrangements
- \$11.1 million for pest and weed management
- \$3 million for grants of up to \$2500 for primary producers to undertake training
- \$7 million for extension of the duty concession to family farm businesses
- \$3.7 million to support children's education in drought affected areas
- \$8.3 million for a new Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority with expanded functions to replace the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority
- \$2 million for a new Office of Rural Affairs
- \$1 million for new farm debt mediation arrangements.

We also recently announced an increase of funding to the joint Federal and State rural community financial counselling service from \$250,000 to \$325,000 annually.

The 2016-17 State Budget also included additional funding of \$10.8 million over four years to implement the recommendations of the Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review. My Government is keenly aware that agriculture pests and diseases can significantly affect Queensland community, economy and environment.

This is why we have delivered our election commitment of \$5 million over three years to support initiatives to combat wild dogs and cats. On top of this, I announced in May, an additional \$5 million to help primary providers build wild dog exclusion fencing. A further \$3.7 million over three years was also allocated in this year's Budget for improved management of wild dogs.

The Queensland Government strongly lobbied the Federal Government for the Northern Australia Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) to be based in Townsville. This was due to the significant economic, social and environmental benefits the CRC program could offer the Townsville region.

In April, the Federal Government announced Townsville would host the CRC. This is a good outcome because it will foster innovation and lead to the creation of jobs in North Queensland. Recently, Minister Donaldson and Minister O'Rourke announced an extra \$1.5 million over three years to stimulate research activities through the CRC.

The Queensland Government has continued to invest in rural and regional Queensland. The Government's *Building our Regions* program provides funding to local government projects for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the State. It supports jobs, economic development and improves the liveability of regional communities.

In this year's State Budget, the Government increased funding of \$175 million over four years to boost the *Building our Regions* program, in addition to the \$200 million new funding allocated in the 2015-16 Budget.

These are just some of the initiatives the Palaszczuk Government has implemented to support rural communities and the agriculture industry in Queensland, compared with the previous Government's program of slashing jobs and services, including axing nearly a quarter of the jobs in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

\*Figures have been rounded

**Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 6**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS:  
What is the Palaszczuk Government doing to prepare students for jobs of the future?

**ANSWER:**

My Government is committed to ensuring that Queensland children and young people are ready to engage in an exciting future by equipping them with the skills they need for the jobs of the future.

That is why the Queensland Government has developed a plan to enhance our world-class education system and prepare our students for the challenges of tomorrow.

*Advancing education: An action plan for education in Queensland* sets out my Government's long-term vision for early childhood education and care and schooling in Queensland.

The Advancing Education Action Plan puts our students on the path to success by inspiring students to become lifelong learners, global citizens and successful people, confidently navigating their future. It includes targeted initiatives to:

- support early childhood learning experiences
- encourage the study of STEM-related subjects
- improve literacy and numeracy skills
- expand the study of cultures and languages, with a focus on Asian languages
- improve teaching and teacher preparation pathways
- better manage resource distribution to our schools
- expand vocational education and training options in schools and reconnect disengaged students
- introduce new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems for Queensland students
- develop partnerships with business, industry and universities to build school communities.

The Advancing Education Action Plan will position schools to more effectively support students to develop the knowledge, skills and qualities they need to be job-ready for the future, building on the essentials of literacy and numeracy.

Already my government has delivered on a number of key initiatives:

- Compulsory Prep for all children from 2017
- Free playgroup membership for Queensland families – \$1.6 million *Play Stars* initiative to provide a free 12-month family membership to Playgroup Queensland
- The establishment of an Autism Hub and Reading Centre – \$2 million for a new education centre in Woolloongabba to help students with autism and reading difficulties reach their full potential

- STEM Girl Power Camp in March 2016 – Applicants were assessed on their engagement and participation in leadership and STEM-related activities. The camp coincided with the World Science Festival, where students were involved in a range of STEM experiences. Camp attendees continue to act as STEM ambassadors throughout the year at their school and in the wider community
- Developing the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow – One hundred and sixteen state primary and high schools including some clusters of schools, will share in 100 Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow grants. The schools or cluster of schools each receive or share in a \$16,600 grant to nurture the next generation of digital entrepreneurs
- The roll out of the *Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies* in Queensland schools – The Digital Technologies curriculum provides students with practical opportunities to use coding and robotics to create solutions to real world problems
- New Queensland senior assessment and tertiary entrance arrangements – \$72 million over four years to continue developing new senior assessment systems for students who enter Year 11 from 2018.

My Government's *#codingcounts: A discussion paper on coding and robotics in Queensland schools*, proposes that state schools co-design technology-based learning with students and develop real-world partnerships with industries or universities. Through learning coding and robotics, we will prepare students for the jobs of the future and develop their skills in critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and innovation.

Schools are already resourcing technology labs, investing in the skills of their teachers and engaging students in learning using the technologies of coding and robotics. The next wave is about developing every student's digital literacy, skilling young coders, nurturing young innovators and creating young entrepreneurs.

Every Queenslanders plays a part in making the difference – early childhood educators, school staff, families, communities, industry and our education partners. That is why my Government conducted 10 weeks of targeted community consultation on the Advancing Education Action Plan.

The consultation process indicated overwhelming support for the Government's strategic direction for education in Queensland, and we have incorporated community feedback into a refreshed Advancing Education Action Plan.

By working together we can ensure that our children and young people have the opportunity to benefit from the life changing effects of education and become active members of their communities.

My Government will continue to listen to the views of students, schools, community and industry, and we will continue to encourage new ideas and deep thinking to ensure that education in Queensland is innovative and future-focused.

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 7

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS:

Will the Premier provide an update on the rollout of the NDIS progressing and what is the Queensland Government doing to ensure that as many people as possible access the scheme seamlessly?

**ANSWER:**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the largest social policy reform since the introduction of Medicare. When fully implemented, from 2019-20, the NDIS will inject \$4 billion per year of Commonwealth and State funding into the Queensland economy, providing a boost in local jobs, business and investment.

In March 2016, the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments signed the landmark Queensland NDIS Bilateral Agreement to progressively transition participants to the scheme over three years from 1 July 2016. In July 2019, at full scheme, the number of people accessing disability supports will double to more than 90,000 Queenslanders.

The NDIS will transform the way disability services are funded and delivered and Queenslanders with a disability will have choice and control over how they access supports.

After the early launch in North Queensland, full scheme transition in Queensland will be implemented geographically, throughout Queensland regional areas as follows:

- in 2016-17 for about 15,000 participants in Townsville, Mackay and Toowoomba
- in 2017-18 for about 16,000 participants in Ipswich, Bundaberg and Rockhampton, and
- in 2018-19 for about 60,000 participants in Beenleigh, Cairns, Brisbane, Maryborough, Robina, Caboolture/Strathpine and Maroochydore.

The NDIS will result in more people than ever before needed to work in the disability sector. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) estimates that the NDIS would create between 15,900 and 19,400 additional jobs in Queensland when fully implemented.

The Queensland NDIS Workforce Strategy – WorkAbility Qld – has been developed by the disability and community services sector to ensure Queensland has a diverse and skilled workforce ready to meet the demand of Queensland's NDIS participants. The Queensland government has provided over \$1 million in 2015-16 to implement the Workforce Strategy.

In 2016-17, Queensland Government has provided \$5 million for NDIS readiness initiatives, and is working closely with the NDIA, participants, service providers and local businesses to prepare for a seamless transition through participant readiness workshops and activities across Queensland, to support NDIS uptake and readiness.

The Queensland Government has worked hard to reverse the inaction on the implementation of the NDIS of the former Newman government. The early launch in Townsville has meant people under the age of 18 with a disability in Townsville, Charters Towers and Palm Island have been the first to access the scheme.

But Queensland has been held back in its implementation of the NDIS by the Federal Government. The Federal Government has refused to allow Queenslanders with a disability access to their fair share of the Medicare levy.

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 8

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 5 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS and the Government's 10 year domestic violence strategy:

What is the Government doing to stop the violence before it happens, protect victims and hold perpetrators to account?

**ANSWER:**

The prevention of domestic and family violence and the protection of victims is a priority for the Queensland Government. In February 2016, the Government released a 10-year strategy for the prevention of domestic and family violence, *Queensland says: Not Now, Not Ever* and the first action plan of four to implement this strategy.

The strategy has a strong focus on prevention – stopping the violence before it happens – and supporting those living with violence. The strategy creates a framework for a long term reform program to end domestic and family violence in Queensland and responds to the landmark *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report. The Government accepted all 121 recommendations of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report directed at Government and committed to support the remaining 19 non-government recommendations.

Significant progress has been achieved towards implementing the recommendations of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report during the first year of the reform program. A total of 32 recommendations are completed, a further 77 are underway, and the remaining 12 will commence progressively in accordance with future action plans.

Key achievements of the past year, aimed at stopping the violence before it happens, protecting victims and holding perpetrators to account include:

- Fast tracking a suite of legislative reforms to provide better protection for victims and improve perpetrator accountability including increased maximum penalties for breaches of domestic violence protection orders, allowing for a specific notation to be made on a person's criminal history for domestic violence-related offences, and a stand-alone offence for non-fatal strangulation
- Establishing a trial of a domestic and family violence specialist court at Southport
- Improving the way Queensland Police Service handle complaints about domestic and family violence to ensure the most appropriate response to those affected
- Introducing a *Respectful Relationships* education program to state and non-state primary and secondary schools focused on developing a culture that emphasises respectful relationships, respecting self and gender equality
- Announcing three trial sites for the pilot integrated response model at Logan/Beenleigh, Mount Isa and Cherbourg

- Rolling out a statewide duty-lawyer service for both applicants and respondents in 14 locations across Queensland
- Leading by example through the release of a workplace support package for public sector employees affected by domestic and family violence
- Establishing two new shelters for women and children escaping domestic and family violence in Brisbane and Townsville.

In addition, the 2016-17 Budget commits an additional \$198.2 million over five years since the 2015-16 Budget in response to the *Not Now, Not Ever* report. This brings total funding by the Queensland Government to \$233.8 million over five years for domestic and family violence prevention, protecting victims and holding perpetrators to account.

This budget commitment will deliver generational change through new signature initiatives including:

- \$9.3 million for a communication and engagement program to help transform attitudes and behaviours of Queenslanders towards domestic and family violence
- \$24.2 million to establish specialist teams to prioritise victims, their safety and prevent domestic and family violence related homicides
- \$40.4 million to establish four more specialist domestic and family violence courts, building on learnings from the trial at Southport
- \$53.4 million for new or enhanced domestic and family violence services, including perpetrator interventions, to provide support to those in need
- \$11 million for dedicated domestic and family violence coordinators to join each Community Justice Group in 18 discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- \$8.7 million to establish two new shelters for women and children escaping domestic and family violence in Charters Towers and in a rural or remote location.

Queensland as part of Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has taken significant steps to address violence against women and their children. Queensland together with all other states and territories has agreed to implement national standards to ensure perpetrator interventions are effective around Australia.

This will mean the introduction of a national Domestic Violence Order (DVO) scheme so DVOs issued in one state will be recognised in all others. It will also mean the development of a comprehensive national DVO information sharing system that police and courts will be able to use for evidentiary purposes or to enforce DVOs.

COAG has also agreed to a national summit on preventing violence against women and their children in the last quarter of 2016 to profile best practice and review progress with the national summit to be hosted by Queensland.

Queensland has also contributed \$3 million to the national campaign "*Let's stop it at the start*".

The Queensland Government is absolutely committed to playing its part and taking the lead on much-needed reform.

By working in partnership with the community, as well as the business and private sector, the Government will confront the challenges of domestic and family violence.

We will work together towards a future where we eliminate domestic and family violence from our society.

## Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 9

### Finance and Administration Committee

#### 2016 Estimates

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 8 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS:

What is the Palaszczuk Government doing to cater for increased demand for performing arts in our State?

**ANSWER:**

My government recognises that all Queenslanders should have access to the arts for both personal enrichment and community fulfilment.

More than \$12.4 million will be invested in the 2016 calendar year to support the core operational budgets of the four Major Performing Arts Organisations: Queensland Theatre Company, Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Opera Queensland and Queensland Ballet. This funding enables them to conduct mainstage performances, community outreach and educational programs.

The \$12.4 million includes an additional \$1.2 million annually to Queensland Ballet's base funding from 2016. This increase will add eight additional dancers to the company by 2020, aligning with world-class companies of its size and provide increased performance and touring opportunities.

A further investment of \$3 million over four years has been invested into the Playing Queensland Fund from 2016–17, which will extend the reach and number of touring performances, education programs and workshops. During 2016–17, 41 regional and remote communities from Blackall to Bowen, Cooktown to Maryborough and Dalby to Mitchell will experience the performing arts through the Playing Queensland Fund.

Examples of regional tours include:

- Opera Queensland touring *The Barber of Seville* to nine regional venues including Rockhampton, Gladstone, Mackay and Mt Isa.
- Queensland Ballet's *Tutus on Tour* will visit 18 regional communities including Longreach, Emerald, Townsville and Goondiwindi
- Queensland Symphony Orchestra's 2016 regional tour will visit seven regional venues including Ayr, Bundaberg, Cairns, Atherton and Townsville
- JUTE Theatre Company's *Proppa Solid* will tour to 19 communities in remote Far North Queensland such as Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Doomadgee, Normanton, Croydon, Kuranda, Spinifex and Yarrabah
- *Camerata's Greatest Hits* from Camerata of St John's will tour seven locations including Stanthorpe, Dalby, St George and Chinchilla
- arTour will take *The Roaring Twenties* to 14 regional locations such as Tambo, Springsure, Gympie, Julie Creek and Cloncurry

Another \$15 million has been allocated to the Cairns Performing Arts Centre, subject to matched funding by the Federal Government and the outcome of the business case submitted by Council. The new development will increase local tourism, ensure the creation of local jobs and bring state and national cultural activities to regional audiences.

The Government will also invest in a variety of arts organisations and programs to provide rich and diverse performances to audiences across the State.

In South East Queensland, there is no doubt the demand for quality arts and cultural experiences continues to grow.

In June last year, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) celebrated a major milestone with a record annual attendance of 1.4 million.

In 2016–17 the Government will invest \$2.3 million to redesign the staging and seating areas of QPAC's Cremorne Theatre to continue to support this audience growth.

Recognising this demand and the cultural tourism opportunities presented by the 1.39 million additional visitors expected annually to the Queen's Wharf development when completed in 2022, a business case is being prepared for a new theatre in Brisbane.

The business case, which will be provided to government for consideration by the end of the year, will ensure Queenslanders get the best value for money by reviewing all potential locations, as well as determining the optimum financial and operating models.

**Pre-Hearing Government Question on Notice 10**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 12 of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet SDS:

What is the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to growing the State's local film and television industry?

**ANSWER:**

The success of the Queensland screen industry is no secret. Indeed, the Disney Marvel blockbuster *Thor: Ragnarok* is currently filming at the Village Roadshow studios on the Gold Coast. It is the first film to use the \$15.5 million super soundstage, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

The soundstage was a key element in attracting *Thor: Ragnarok* to film in Queensland, and is an asset that will keep our studios competitive in the global film industry.

Following the filming of *Pirates of the Caribbean 5*, *The Shallows*, *The Nest 3D*, *Kong: Skull Island* and pre-production on *Thor*, the Queensland Production Expenditure for 2015–16 is estimated to be \$215 million.

This is the highest since the 2002-03 record year of \$233 million.

In total, the Queensland Government, through Screen Queensland, supported 11 international productions in 2015/16.

The estimated Queensland Production Expenditure (QPE) from these international productions is \$162M in direct Queensland spend on Queensland jobs, goods and services.

The estimated Queensland crew that will be engaged on these productions is 1,547.

During 2015-16 the Queensland Government, through Screen Queensland, supported four projects through the Post Digital and Visual Effects (PDV) Attraction program. These projects are estimated to generate over \$6M in QPE.

Screen Queensland is continuing to work with major studios following meetings in Los Angeles in June 2016 to secure further work to the state to keep the back-to-back production of the last two years continuing.

International production allows Queensland artists and technicians to gain valuable experience which helps build local capacity.

Screen Queensland has helped make local productions here too, including feature film

*Goldstone*, from Queensland writer/director Ivan Sen which opened in cinemas this month. Local writer and director Priscilla Cameron is currently filming her first feature film called *The Butterfly Tree*, starring Melissa George, in Queensland.

My government has a number of other original initiatives to drive the industry forward.

The Queensland Government and YouTube have collaborated to develop the *Create Queensland Program* to support the state's growing band of digital content creators.

This initiative is supported by QUT, Griffith University, Advance Queensland and Screen Queensland.

Screen Queensland has also formed a partnership with STAN, a leading subscription video-on-demand (SVOD) service. This Australian-first production provides a Queensland producer and creative team the opportunity to develop and produce a \$1 million feature film that will premiere exclusively on SVOD.

The Government has also launched ABC iview Queensland Originals, an initiative that helps Queensland practitioners produce up to three online factual and factual entertainment series to premiere on ABC iview – with the potential to be broadcast on ABC2 and sold internationally.

Screen Queensland has also implemented new programs to address gender imbalance in the Australian screen industry. The new initiatives include a Women's Filmmaker Showcase, a mentor and leadership program and creative attachments for women.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 1**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's leading whole-of-government communication activities (SDS, page 7):

Will the Premier separately list (by month) a breakdown of government advertising during the 2015-16 financial year including:

- i. advertising campaign cost;
- ii. what form the advertising took;
- iii. campaign name; and

the issue and/or purpose of the advertising campaign?

**ANSWER:**

My government is committed to addressing issues that affect the lives of all Queenslanders and one way we do this is through coordinated and targeted whole-of-government communication campaigns. Our campaigns, supported by strong policy objectives, are often aimed at protecting the vulnerable in society, making it clear that as a community there are certain behaviours we won't condone – our domestic and family violence campaign being an important example to draw on here.

Overall, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet led six major whole-of-government communication campaigns during the 2015/16 financial year. A breakdown for the July 2015 to June 2016 period is at Attachment 1.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet proactively releases audited advertising placement expenditure by departments on an annual basis in September each year on the department's publication scheme ([www.premiers.qld.gov.au/right-to-info/published-info/our-finances.aspx](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/right-to-info/published-info/our-finances.aspx)).

The 2015–16 costs will be publically released when they are audited.

**Attachment 1 – Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 1**

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**July 2015 to June 2016**

<b>Campaign</b>	<b>Campaign objective</b>	<b>Media type</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Cost (ex GST)*</b>
Alcohol Harm Reduction	To introduce an umbrella brand for Queensland alcohol harm reduction that appeals to all Queenslanders, and raises the issue of alcohol harm at a whole-of-population level.	TV, radio, out of home	July to August 2015	\$441,355
Ice Awareness	To raise awareness of Queensland Government services available to support friends and family and the wider community affected by drug use, specifically ice.	Press, digital	July to August 2015	\$97,092
Advance Queensland	To position Queensland as an innovative, modern and collaborative state entering a new era of job growth and prosperity, driven by knowledge and innovation.	TV, print, out of home, digital	October 2015 to January 2016	\$948,012
Queensland Today and Tomorrow newsletter	To ensure communities across Queensland have access to a cost-effective, easy to read document which includes information about relevant government policies, initiatives and events as well as general health and safety matters.	Press insert	November 2015 and May 2016	\$88,003
Domestic Violence <sup>#</sup>	To showcase existing community partnerships that are addressing domestic and family violence and facilitate sharing of learning and ideas, and direct target audiences to get involved in their local community.	TV CSA, out of home, digital	May 2016	\$17,698
Alcohol legislation changes 1 July 2016	To educate the public on legislation changes to alcohol serving times within venues.	Press, radio, digital	June 2016	\$64,266

\* Costs above are for campaign placement only and figures are based on gross media billings from the campaign supplier as at the end of June 2016. The costs do not include creative production.

# The Queensland Government also contributed \$3 million to the “Let’s stop it at the start” national communication campaign.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 2**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's leading whole-of-government communication activities (SDS, page 7), can the Premier detail:

- a) who sits on the Government Advertising Communication Committee (GACC);
- b) a list of all submissions made to GACC;
- c) a list of all campaigns approved through GACC; and
- d) the cost of all approved campaigns, listed individually?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Government Advertising and Communication Committee (GACC) was established in March 2013 to ensure good governance, communication aligned to government priorities, value for money, a coordinated approach, and adherence to financial obligations. It also ensures advertising adheres to the Queensland Government Advertising Code of Conduct and other relevant communication policies.

Committee members include:

- Chair: Deputy Director-General, Strategy and Engagement
- Deputy Chair: Deputy Director-General, Corporate and Government Services
- Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Protocol, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Director, Communication Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Representative - Office of the Premier.

During the 2015–16 financial year a total of 97 submissions were received by GACC for consideration. Of these, 78 submissions were approved. A breakdown is at Attachment 1.

Total campaign media placement expenditure for departments from July 2015 to June 2016 was \$25.60 million. This includes expenditure for campaigns submitted through the GACC approval process. The abovementioned expenditure is for media placement only based on gross media billings from the campaign supplier. This expenditure does not include creative production.

The 2015-16 expenditure of \$25.60 million compares to \$32.58 million for 2014-15, of which \$26.99 million was spent from July 2014 to March 2015 under the previous government and \$5.59 million under the current government.

## Attachment 1 - Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 2

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Department	Campaign title
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	Community safety - Aurukun
	Stolen Wages
Agriculture and Fisheries	Electric ants biosecurity campaign - community handover
	Electric ants biosecurity campaign - free yard inspections
	Fire ant bait treatment Facebook ad
	Fire ant bait treatment SEQ
	Foot and Mouth Disease - extension
	Gladstone Join the Ant Hunt
	Miconia Weed awareness
	Net free fishing zone
	Panama Disease
	Panama Disease – 2
	Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
Elder Abuse	
Not now, not ever	
Education and Training	Better together – helping children enjoy a positive start to school
	Deadly Choices - Kindy
	Early Childhood Education and Care workforce campaign
	Every day counts
	Inspire the future - Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) careers campaign
	Kindy Counts
	Kindy Counts - 2
	Playstars initiative
	World Teachers' Day 2015
Energy and Water Supply	Biofuels
	Electricity Consumer Education Campaign
Fire and Emergency Services	Bushfire campaign
	If it's flooded, forget it
	Winter Fire Safety Campaign
Health	Bowel cancer
	Breast screen
	Child Immunisation
	Dengue Fever
	Food safety
	Fruit and vegetable
	Healthier. Happier. Festive Season
	Healthier. Happier. Straight Answers (Obesity)
	Join the Movement
	Keep emergencies, for emergency
	Mosquito Borne Diseases
	Sun mum sun safety campaign
	Tobacco
	Violence against health care workers
What's your relationship with alcohol?	

	What's your relationship with alcohol? (initial campaign)
Housing and Public Works	Pool fence legislation
Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	Planning made simple
	RACQ Get Ready Queensland
	SEQ Regional Plan
Justice and Attorney-General	Follow the Law
	Gambling too much
	Irresponsible supply of alcohol
	Online advertising (Dispute Resolution Branch)
	Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (RBDM) - Online advertising 2015/16
	Sports stadium Gambling Help advertising
	Work Safe for the moments that matter
National Parks, Sport and Racing	Start Playing, Stay Playing
Police	Police - Building police capacity in rural and remote communities
Premier and Cabinet	Advance Queensland
	ANZAC Centenary showcase brochure
	Anzac Grants program
	Smart Phone application for Cultural Centre
	Ice Awareness
	Northern Queensland Economic Summit
	Queensland Greats Awards
	Today and Tomorrow newsletter – Edition 1
Today and Tomorrow newsletter – Edition 2	
State Development	Defence Industries Queensland Awareness
Science, Information Technology and Innovation	Start-up attraction / Hot DesQ
	One-Stop-Shop's services made simpler
Transport and Main Roads	Cross River Rail
	Dry Driver' salute
	Gateway Upgrade North
	Go.Find
	Join the Drive - Driver Distraction
	Join the drive to save lives - road safety inserts
	Moreton Bay Rail Link changes
	Motorcycle safety - Motorcycles Sixth Sense
	Motorcycle safety - The Perfect Ride re-run
	My road toll (social change/acceptability campaign)
	Settle down, Stallion road safety campaign
	SEQ Fare Review
	SEQ Fare Review - 2
	Speed campaign
	Stay wider of the rider (bicycle campaign)
	TTCC Replacement Project
	Vehicle safety
Treasury	Asbestos Awareness 2015-16
	Census
	First home buyers grant
	Lifetime care and support
	Market Led Proposals (MLP)
	Quad bike campaign
	Return to Work
	Rural debt and drought taskforce
	Safety in ceiling spaces (Phase 2)
	Safe Work month

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 3**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the North Queensland Office of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, as identified on page 6 of the SDS:

Will the Premier provide a breakdown including:

- i. the costs of running that office;
- ii. the number of staff employed in the office (including the staff remuneration levels);
- iii. the number of contacts with members of the public over the 2015-16 financial year;
- iv. the goals and performance objectives of the office; and
- v. the actual outcomes it has achieved since opening?

**ANSWER:**

The re-establishment of the North Queensland Office of the Department of Premier and Cabinet shows the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to building the North Queensland region and economy, giving the region the attention it deserves after the office was closed by the previous LNP Government.

In 2015-16 the North Queensland office was allocated \$426,274, and actual expenditure in 2015-16 was \$420,651.

The budget allocation for the North Queensland office in 2016-17 is \$481,000. The increased budget allocation reflects expected increased travel costs associated with implementing *Advancing North Queensland* and supporting both the Premier and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland.

The North Queensland office employs three full time equivalent positions:

- 1 FTE AO8
- 1 FTE AO6
- 1 FTE AO4.

Over 5000 contacts with members of the public were recorded for the 2015-16 financial year. This included roundtables, summits, forums, delegations, meetings, working groups, deputations, correspondence and stakeholder engagement.

These figures are only for the North Queensland office and are not reflective of the work also generated by other areas of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet supporting both the Premier and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland.

The principal role of the North Queensland office is to provide a contact point for North Queenslanders into government.

On a strategic basis the North Queensland office identifies opportunities and priorities for North Queensland, providing advice to the Government on matters of significance.

The goal of the North Queensland office when established was to successfully engage with other State Government agencies and key North Queensland stakeholders to:

- generate employment and economic development opportunities
- identify north Queensland infrastructure priorities
- identify and progress opportunities arising from the Australian Government's Northern Australia White Paper
- improve service delivery standards.

The North Queensland Office was officially opened by the Premier and Minister O'Rourke on 10 July 2015 and has been operational since June 2015.

Key outcomes in the first 12 months of the office's operation included:

- conducted six Business Roundtables held in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Mount Isa, Brisbane and Rockhampton with over 130 participants
- coordinated the Townsville Economic Forum attended by around 40 mayors
- assisted with planning and preparation for the Northern Queensland Economic Summit that showcased North Queensland's investment opportunities to more than 250 international investors
- provided support for the delegation of North Queensland mayors to Canberra in February 2016
- briefed on 105 significant issues, events and meetings in Northern Queensland relevant to the Premier and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland
- engaged with stakeholders across Northern Queensland regarding economic development through over 334 meetings
- liaised with and worked through issues and identification of opportunities with Queensland Government agencies as arising, and through leading the Northern Queensland Interdepartmental Committee and development of the Regional Agency Group, and providing secretariat support to cross-jurisdictional groups related to developing Northern Queensland
- development and advice to Government regarding five priority areas to champion and establishing the North Queensland agenda, through *Advancing North Queensland* plan
- development of the *Advancing North Queensland* plan.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 4**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the staffing numbers as identified at page 21 of the SDS -:

Will the Premier advise, since the assent of the Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015, how many public servants within the Department's staffing allocation have had their details supplied to unions under the Government's Union Encouragement Policy, listed in the following format for each portfolio?

Portfolio	Union Name	Number of Employee Details Forwards	Summary of Details Provided
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**ANSWER:**

The information to which the member refers was provided for more than 10 years prior to the Newman Government's three years in office and is comparable to the level of detail published in the Government Gazette each week. This includes a person's name, job title and work location.

In relation to the member's question, new starter information for 141 staff of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet was provided to the Together Union.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 5**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the income statement of the Queensland Audit Office (SDS pages 118 and 121) and the increase in supplies and services due to “higher contracted-out auditing services, additional seasonal use of contracted-in auditors and other specialist contractors”:

Will the Premier advise if these contracted workers are reflected in the full-time equivalent headcount for the QAO and provide a list of these contractors, including costs?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by the Audit Office that, in accordance with the Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information (MOHRI) framework, contractors are not included in the full-time equivalent or headcount for QAO.

QAO contractors are made up of Audit Service Providers (ASPs), contract-in auditors and specialist contractors.

I am advised that QAO engage ASPs as part of their normal business operations (through an annual competitive tender process) to produce work relating to client financial audit opinions. This is in line with their sourcing strategy. In 2015-16 QAO engaged ASPs for \$13.3 million of work (2013-14: \$13.4 million; 2014-2015 \$13.0 million). The SDS budget for 2016-17 is \$12.3 million.

QAO also engage auditors to supplement their internal workforce for the peak period in their financial audit cycle generally between July and September each year driven by statutory deadlines for audit opinions. In 2015-16, QAO engaged contract-in auditors for \$1.5 million of work (2013-14: \$1.3 million, 2014-15: \$1.4 million). The SDS budget for these services in 2016-17 is \$1.2 million.

In addition to their ongoing business operations, QAO utilised specialist contractors in 2015-16 for internal business improvement projects relating to replacement of their finance system, implementing a new website and other minor improvement initiatives (\$0.8 million).

It is normal practice that, during busy times, the QAO needs back-up from experts not needed during business-as-usual.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 6**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the \$461,000 being spent to implement a new ICT system to collect and validate data on the size of the Queensland public sector workforce at the Public Service Commission:

Will the Premier advise whether there will be a change to how public sector workforce characteristics are published after the ICT system installation is complete and what are the other expected benefits?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by the Public Service Commission that \$461,000 was allocated in the 2016-17 budget to procure and implement a new ICT system to collect and validate data on the size and characteristics of the Queensland public sector workforce.

The new ICT system will replace the Workforce Analysis and Collection Application (WACA).

The PSC advises the expected benefits of the new ICT system include:

- more efficient and timely data collection and validation
- greater opportunity for agencies to utilise their data using in-house business intelligence tools
- creates a platform for the collection and validation of other data sources
- the commercial-off-the-shelf solution will be easier to support, maintain and upgrade over time, thus avoiding the problems associated with the current bespoke system.

The new system is expected to be implemented in full by 30 June 2017.

I understand the same transition away from WACA is also being done in other states including Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 7**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the Department of Premier and Cabinet “planning for infrastructure development” at page 5 of the SDS:

Will the Premier advise how many business cases were reviewed by the Department for the purposes of providing advice to the Premier and the Cabinet in 2015-16 including:

- i. what were the projects; and
- ii. what were the cost-benefit analyses?

**ANSWER:**

As referenced at page 8 of the SDS, Arts Queensland commenced work on the business case for Brisbane’s new performing arts venue which is expected to be completed for government consideration in 2016-17.

Advice provided to the Cabinet by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is Cabinet-in-confidence. It is worth noting that the Member for Indooroopilly, as the former Minister for Transport, said in 2014 in relation to the public release of business cases that: *“there are issues of commercial confidence that have to be respected”*.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 8**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to page 4 of the SDS:

Will the Premier advise what are the Government's "North Queensland priority projects"?

**ANSWER:**

*Advancing North Queensland - investing in the future of the north* was released on 24 June this year.

The five priority areas are clearly outlined in the publicly available document which can be found at <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/plans/advancing-north-qld.aspx>

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 9**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the user generated revenue identified for Arts Queensland at page 18 of the SDS:

Will the Premier provide a further breakdown of the user-generated revenue, individually outlining the value of the different components of this revenue, including:

- i. sponsorship;
- ii. ticket sales;
- iii. car park fees; and
- iv. any other components?

**ANSWER:**

The Arts Queensland own-source revenue budget for 2016–17 is \$21.553 million.

This comprises two primary sources of revenue:

- \$8.400 million of Cultural Precinct Car Park Revenue
- \$11.164 million of building service costs and utilities costs recovered from the Arts Statutory Bodies which are tenants of the Arts Queensland-owned Cultural Precinct buildings.

Other minor components of own-source revenue are:

- \$1.232 million rental revenue from Arts Queensland-owned buildings/land
- \$0.192 million capitalised interest revenue from the Revolving Film Finance Fund
- \$0.436 million revenue from Judith Wright and Cairns Centres of Contemporary Arts, including ticket sales, ticketing fees, programming revenue, theatre/space hires and cost recoveries
- \$0.129 million sundry revenue.

Arts Queensland does not receive sponsorship revenue.

**Pre-Hearing Non-Government Question on Notice 10**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**2016 Estimates**

**Question To:**

Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Question:**

With reference to the line item 'Corporate Support' at pages 15 and 16 of the SDS:

Will the Premier detail the staff levels and services provided by Corporate Support and as well as any external services or contractors included in the Budget allocation?

**ANSWER:**

The Corporate Support cost centre for Ministerial and Opposition offices is established to cater for expenses that are not readily identifiable or definable as individual Ministerial or Opposition costs. The three main budget areas contained in this cost centre are:

- the overseas travel pool where monies are allocated throughout the financial year after overseas visits are approved;
- the severance liability accrual for staff in Ministerial and Opposition offices when they are terminated following a leadership change, a portfolio reshuffle or a change of government;
- funding for whole of IT Ministerial and Opposition network costs such as servers, optic fibre rental and network costs unable to be easily split.

None of the Corporate Support expenses budgeted for in the SDS allow for contractors or external support staff and no costs for contractors or staff are costed to this cost centre.