- responding to ongoing pressures arising from an increase in demand in the child protection system
- delivering the Queensland Government's response to the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce Hear her voice – Report one – Addressing coercive control and domestic family violence.

Growth in General Government Sector expenses is expected to moderate over the remaining forward estimates as the government remains committed to its Fiscal Principle 2 and return to operating surplus by 2024–25.

## 5.3 Expenses by operating statement category

As outlined in Chart 5.1, employee and superannuation expenses account for 45.7 per cent of total General Government Sector expenses. Other operating expenses (26.5 per cent) follows, reflecting non-labour costs of providing goods and services to government and non-government recipients including transport service contract payments and repairs and maintenance.



Chart 5.1 Expenses by operating statement category, 2022–23

Chart 5.2 compares 2022–23 budget and 2021–22 estimated actual expenses by operating statement category.

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Chart 5.3 Comparison of cumulative growth – wages policy and Brisbane CPI

Sources: ABS Consumer Price Index and Queensland Treasury

## **Full-time equivalents**

The government is delivering on its commitment to revitalise frontline service delivery. This has contributed to full time equivalents (FTE) increasing 40,692.28 FTE (or 20.44 per cent) from 2014–15 to 2021–22.

Between March 2015 and March 2022:

- teachers increased by 5,788 (or 13.75 per cent)
- teacher aides increased by 1,377 (or 14.78 per cent)
- nurses increased by 10,638 (or 38.10 per cent)
- health practitioners increased by 5,077 (or 51.38 per cent)
- doctors increased by 3,106 (or 39.16 per cent)
- ambulance officers increased by 1,103 (or 29.71 per cent)
- police officers increased by 733 (or 6.52 per cent)
- firefighters increased by 204 (or 8.49 per cent).

As at March 2022, 91.59 per cent of public servants are engaged in frontline and frontline support roles, with 20,339 FTE in corporate service roles.

The government is also committed to ensuring that public service staff are located where there is demand. Around 47 per cent of FTE are located outside Greater Brisbane, of which around 96 per cent are engaged in frontline and frontline support roles. Regional Action Plans show increases in key service delivery occupations across the regions.