

Executive Summary

On 24 June 2025, the Honourable David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership introduced the Appropriation Bill 2025 (Bill) into the Legislative Assembly. The Bill was referred to the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee (committee) for consideration.

The estimates process is one of the key mechanisms to examine government expenditure, performance and effectiveness. By examining and reporting on the proposed expenditures contained in the Bill, the committee assists the Parliament in its scrutiny of the Government's proposed expenditure.

The Appropriation for 2025-26 is \$105,417,248,000.¹

The committee's examination of the Bill is in relation to the:

- Queensland Fire Department
- Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers
- Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business.²

The committee conducted public hearings and took evidence about the proposed expenditure from the:

- Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business, and
- Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers.

This report summarises the estimates referred to the committee and highlights some of the issues the committee examined, including information contained in the:

- budget papers
- answers to pre-hearing questions on notice
- evidence taken at the hearing.

The committee made one recommendation (see pages v and 3 of this report), that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Bill for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

¹ Appropriation Bill 2025, s 2.

² Standing Orders, sch 6; Appropriation Bill 2025, sch 1.