



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Annual Reports 2005-06

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I tabled a number of annual reports this morning from my department and agencies. I seek leave to incorporate more details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides myself and Cabinet with strategic policy advice and support services in relation to executive Government and machinery of Government matters.

My Department has been assisting in the recovery from Tropical Cyclone Larry, including the establishment and management of the Tropical Cyclone Larry Relief Appeal.

My Department has coordinated Queensland's input into the Council of Australian Government's agenda for ongoing health workforce reforms and skills, the Obesity Summit and assisted with the Queensland Road Safety Summit.

My Department continues to play a key role in coordinating the Government's counter-terrorism initiatives, having released Counter-Terrorism—An Action Plan to Safeguard our Communities outlining the State's immediate counter-terrorism priorities following the 2005 London bombings.

The Terrorism (Preventative Terrorism) Act 2005 was developed to implement a Council of Australian Government's agreement that all states and territories would enact legislation to strengthen counter-terrorism laws.

Mr Speaker I would like to draw to the attention of the House that the Service Delivery and Performance Commission's Annual Report for 2005-06 is its first such report.

The Commission was established on 10 November 2005 to review and improve service delivery and performance across the public sector.

Since its establishment, the Service Delivery and Performance Commission has completed three reviews. I tabled the reports on these reviews in the House on 12 October 2006.

The Commission will continue to undertake reviews targeting specific areas of public administration and aims to provide efficiency savings of \$20m in 2007-08, rising to \$100m per annum by 2010-11.

During 2005-06, the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel drafted 77 Government Bills and 371 instruments of subordinate legislation. Several significant items of legislation produced related to child safety, counter-terrorism, water and transport.

The Office continued to implement changes to the style and presentation of legislation during 2005-06. Legislative styles are currently undergoing a two yearly review.

During 2005-06 the Office of the Public Service Commissioner reviewed the management of complaints in agencies, implemented the Government's recommendations targeted at promoting child safe workplaces across agencies, and reviewed the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1994.

South Bank Corporation has reported that with 180 events held at the South Bank Parklands there were a record number of visitors, increasing from 6.3 million in 2004-05 to 6.7 million in 2005-06.

The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre hosted 876 events, drawing more people to the South Bank precinct.

Mr Speaker, these reports are indicative of the work undertaken by the Government over the past year. I commend these reports to the House.