



Speech By Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

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Integrity Commissioner

Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.35 am): As required under section 88 of the Integrity Act 2009, I table the final report of the strategic review of the functions of the Integrity Commissioner.

Tabled paper: Report, dated 8 July 2015, titled 'Strategic Review of the Functions of the Integrity Commissioner' [804].

The strategic review is a statutory requirement under section 86 of the act that focuses on the Integrity Commissioner's functions and the performance of those functions—that is, whether they are being performed economically, effectively and efficiently. Professor Peter Coaldrake was appointed by the Governor-in-Council on 15 December 2014 to conduct the strategic review, with terms of reference also decided at that time. Consultation on the terms of reference occurred with the Finance and Administration Committee and with the Integrity Commissioner, Mr Richard Bingham.

This is the first strategic review under the act. My government places a high value on ensuring the integrity regime in place in Queensland is of the highest standard. This review is a key process to make that happen.

The final report contains 20 recommendations which span the Integrity Commissioner's advisory function, regulation of lobbying function, public awareness function, performance and organisational arrangements. In terms of the next step, the final report will be referred to the FAC for examination. Following any recommendations provided to the parliament by the FAC, the government will then have three months to table its response.

I would like to thank Professor Coaldrake for his work on the strategic review. I also acknowledge the contributions of the group who provided support to Professor Coaldrake and the Integrity Commissioner, Mr Richard Bingham, and the former integrity commissioner, Dr David Solomon.