



Speech By  
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**GOVERNANCE, ENERGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**



**Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (3.17 pm): I move—

That the House take note of the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee Report No. 6, 58th Parliament—*Consideration of Auditor-General reports to parliament*—tabled on 11 April 2025.

This report presents a summary of the committee's examination of three Auditor-General reports: *Report 1: 2024-25—2024 status of Auditor-General's recommendations*; *Report 3: 2024-25—Central agencies' coordination of the state budget*; and *Report 4: 2024-25—Energy 2024*. On behalf of the committee, I thank the Auditor-General, the Deputy Auditor-General and the Assistant Auditor-General for assisting the committee in fulfilling our oversight. Of course, as always—I neglected to do this in my last contribution—I thank the Parliamentary Service staff for their hard work in putting these reports together for us and assisting members in their consideration.

For report No. 1, the QAO asked 84 entities to self-assess their progress in implementing 603 performance audits and recommendations from 40 QAO reports tabled in parliament between 2015-16 and 2022-23. Entities reported that just over half, 52 per cent, of the QAO recommendations were fully implemented, whilst 41 per cent had been partly implemented, four per cent had not been implemented and three per cent were considered no longer applicable. The most common type of outstanding recommendation related to workforce capability, planning and governance, followed by risk management. As stated in the committee report—

Report 3 examined how Queensland Treasury (Treasury) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) design and manage the state budget process to support the government's fiscal principles and objectives.

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The QAO found that the current budget process guides new submissions towards the government's priorities and supports the government's objectives and fiscal principles.

However, while the process Treasury is using for preparing the state budget was found to be generally effective, the QAO also found there are opportunities for improvement in terms of improving the quality of submissions, evaluating costings and enhancing their capabilities to monitor the outcome of approved funding.

Report No. 4 summarises the audit results of the Queensland state owned energy entities and states—

The QAO issued unmodified audit opinions on all state-owned energy entities, indicating that their financial statements are accurate and comply with relevant reporting standards.

That is as you would expect. It continues—

All entities met their legislative deadlines for financial reporting.

The committee encourages the energy entities to continue addressing control weaknesses that require further action regarding the security of information systems and to strengthen their process safety controls and the safe operation of their critical and aging infrastructure assets, which have been the subject of much comment in this House as we learned from the Callide Power Station. I commend the report to the House.