

Question on Notice

No. 572

Asked on 6 August 2014

MR MULHERIN ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Auditor-General's Report No. 18 for 2013-14 that finds that 72 percent, or \$27.6b of all budget expenditure outlined in the Newman Government's service delivery statements is not covered by efficiency and effectiveness standards and the Premier's response that 'the results speak for themselves'—

Will the Treasurer commit to meeting the recommendations of the Auditor-General outlined in this report and if not, why not?

ANSWER:

The Auditor-General's Report contained a copy of the Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet's response of 17 June 2014, which was prepared in consultation with Queensland Treasury and Trade.

As outlined in that response, two of the recommendations were supported in-principle. One recommendation was not accepted for a number of practical implementation reasons. Alternative strategies to assist with the improvement of performance monitoring and reporting across departments were outlined. These strategies will be driven by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, with support from Queensland Treasury and Trade.

Further, the Finance and Administration Committee has resolved to conduct an inquiry into monitoring and reporting performance as a result of the Auditor-General's Report No. 18. In due course, the Committee will issue a report as a result of the inquiry, and the Government will formally respond to this report.