

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 755**

**Asked on 15 September 2015**

**MR NICHOLLS** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (MS TRAD) –

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Service Delivery Statement 2015-16, which includes Trade and Investment Queensland, which outlines that 75 recommendations from the Trade and Investment Queensland Review have been implemented, with 11 subject to further consideration by the TIQ management –

Will the Minister identify which recommendations are still under consideration, when consideration of these will be completed and any actions arising from these recommendations?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Honourable Member for Clayfield for his question.

The 2013 Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) review made a total of 86 recommendations across all facets of the organisation, including TIQ's role, domestic and overseas operations, corporate structure and governance.

Eleven recommendations listed below have not been implemented. These recommendations were not considered by the TIQ board and management during the term of the previous government and they are not being considered in the current financial year. The reason why these recommendations are still outstanding is that the majority of them have significant administrative and resource implications, which cannot be accommodated due to the previous government's reduction in TIQ's budget. The Palaszczuk Government reserves the right to make a final decision on these recommendations and will seek to secure additional resources over time for those initiatives deemed appropriate for further consideration.

1. Recommendation # 7: That a program of Industry Roundtables be established, with membership to rotate based on industry or regional focus and that these Roundtables act in a true advisory capacity on topics relevant to the Minister at the time and that QTT use these Roundtables to also brief participants on economic and sector issues.
2. Recommendation # 8: That the Industry Roundtables be chaired by the Minister or the Assistant Minister.

- I am advised that a request to progress recommendations # 7 and # 8 was sent to the former Trade Minister in 2013 but not responded to.
- 3. Recommendation # 23: That at a minimum annually Queensland Treasury and Trade undertakes an update of short, medium and long term views of domestic and international trade and investment opportunities, including status of new, emerging and mature markets and development of industry sectors, and that this update is distributed to all overseas and regional offices.
- 4. Recommendation # 31: That the Minister for Trade considers the sale of Queensland House and lease back on a no-cost basis of ongoing office accommodation for the Agent General:
  - The Department of Housing and Public Works is evaluating the merits of selling Queensland House.
- 5. Recommendation # 33: That the remaining offices in China be incorporated under one Trade Commissioner to facilitate the servicing of clients across the country and that the Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong becomes the Deputy Trade Commissioner for China.
- 6. Recommendation # 40: That a new Business Development Manager in Brisbane be responsible for development of opportunities in Papua New Guinea.
- 7. Recommendation # 48: That the International Business Cadets program be reinstated on the basis of a 50% contribution by businesses and involve five graduate positions.
- 8. Recommendation # 68: That a panel of eminent persons (Special Mission Representatives) with strong credibility in-market be engaged.
- 9. Recommendation # 69: That a network of State-to-State honorary Trade Representatives be appointed in-market where appropriate.
- 10. Recommendation # 71: That a revamped structure of Friendship Committees be established for large markets of Korea, Japan, USA, India, China and South America; that these incorporate existing Councils; and that the purpose of these reflect the need for a like-minded group of local business and community people to act as hosts for visiting dignitaries and delegations, with minimal administrative input from Trade and Investment Queensland.
- 11. Recommendation # 79: That the principle of fee-for-service for professional advice be explored, and that a trial be undertaken out of the Santiago Office to determine applicability and success with learnings to be used in 2014-15 to guide further decisions.