

Question on Notice
No. 273
Asked on 19 March 2024

Mr S Andrew asked Premier (Hon. S Miles)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's legislative program—

Will the Premier advise, since 2017 (reported by calendar year) (a) how many government bills have been passed and assented to, (b) how many items of subordinate legislation have been made, (c) how many (Stakeholder Driven) Regulatory Impact Statements have been prepared, (d) the percentage of Regulatory Impact Statements for (a) and (b) above and (e) how many Impact Analysis Statements for (a) and (b) have been prepared bypassing stakeholder involvement?

ANSWER:

From advice that I have received from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and Queensland Treasury (QT), I advise the Member for Mirani as follows.

- (a) The number of government bills passed in the calendar years from 2017 to 2023 can be obtained from statistics maintained by the Parliamentary Service that are published on the Parliament's website at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Sitting-Dates/Work-of-the-House/Work-of-the-House---Historic-Statistics>.
- (b) The number of items of subordinate legislation made each calendar year can be determined by going to the Queensland Government Queensland Legislation website at <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/>. Once on the website, click on the "SL as made" tab and then click on each calendar year as necessary.
- (c) Neither DPC nor QT centrally hold a comprehensive record of (Stakeholder Driven) Regulatory Impact Statements that have been prepared.

Since the introduction of the Queensland Government's Better Regulation Policy in September 2023, to further enhance transparency and accountability, an Impact Analysis Statement has been required for all regulatory proposals. These are published on the relevant department's website.

- (d) Under the former Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation (the Guide), in the first instance, government agencies were responsible themselves for compliance with the Guide. As part of this process, many policy proposals will have been determined to be inherently exempt from preparing a Regulatory Impact Statement. For example, proposals that met the exclusion categories defined in the Guide. In other circumstances, the Government may have elected to not apply the provisions of the Guide to policy proposals due to emergent circumstances.

Neither DPC nor QT centrally hold a comprehensive record of all policy proposals where a Regulatory Impact Statement was not produced because the proposals were exempted, excluded or otherwise removed from the scope of the Guide.

- (e) Since the introduction of the Better Regulation Policy in September 2023, Cabinet exemptions and exclusions from further impact analysis are identified in the Impact Analysis Statement on agency websites. Neither DPC nor QT centrally collect the numbers requested.