

Question on Notice
No. 350
Asked on 21 April 2026

Hon. S Miles asked Premier and Minister for Veterans (Hon. D Crisafulli)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the appointment of former Newman Government Minister Andrew Cripps as Special Commissioner for Regional and Rural Queensland—

Will the Premier advise (a) what legislation is the Special Commissioner appointed under, (b) how the functions of the Special Commissioner as outlined in the Ministerial Media Statement on 10 April 2026 align to the requirements in the legislation, (c) who the Special Commissioner reports to, (d) the length of the term of appointment, (e) the number of public servant positions that have been allocated to support the Special Commissioner (reported separately by pay classification) and (f) what classification the Special Commissioner is remunerated at?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Public Sector Commission as follows.

- a) The Special Commissioner, Rural and Regional Queensland is appointed under section 230 of the *Public Sector Act 2022* (the Act).
- b) Section 236 of the Act outlines that Special Commissioners give advice to government and facilitate the development of policies and programs. The Special Commissioner, Rural and Regional Queensland will undertake this work with a focus on the needs, expectations and aspirations of regional communities.
- c) The Special Commissioner is subject to the direction from the Chairperson of the Public Sector Governance Council and will work closely with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.
- d) Three years.
- e) Three existing FTE positions (at the SO, AO7 and AO3 level) have been allocated to support the Special Commissioner.
- f) The Special Commissioner is remunerated within Band 5 of the Queensland Public Sector Chief Executive remuneration framework.