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Education and Innovation Committee
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Education and Innovation Committee

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1 Introduction

1.1 Role of the Committee

The Education and Innovation Committee (the committee) is a portfolio committee established by the [Parliament of Queensland Act 2001](#) and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly on 18 May 2012.¹ It consists of government and non-government members. This report outlines the activities of the committee for the 2011-2012 year.

The committee's primary areas of responsibility are education, training, employment, science, information technology, innovation and the arts.

These portfolio areas of responsibility are administered through the following Government departments:

- Department of Education, Training and Employment
- Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts.

In relation to its areas of responsibility, the committee:

- examines bills to consider the policy to be enacted
- examines the estimates of relevant departments
- examines bills for the application of the fundamental legislative principles set out in s.4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1994*
- considers the lawfulness of subordinate legislation
- assesses the public accounts of each relevant department in respect of the above areas of responsibility, with regard to the integrity, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of financial management by:
 - examining government financial documents; and
 - considering the annual and other reports of the auditor-general
- considers departments' public works in light of matters including, but not limited to the:
 - suitability of the works for the purpose
 - necessity for the works
 - value for money of the works
 - revenue produced by, and recurrent costs of, the works, or estimates of revenue and costs
 - present and prospective public value of the works
 - procurement methods used for the works and
 - actual suitability of the works in meeting the needs in and achieving the stated purpose of the works.

The committee must deal with any issue referred to it by the Legislative Assembly or under an Act, whether or not the issue is within the committee's areas of responsibility.

2 Examination of Bills

The Legislative Assembly referred the following Bills to the committee for examination:

Name of Bill	Date Referred to Committee
Queensland Art Gallery Amendment Bill 2012	17/5/12
Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2012	29/5/12

¹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s.88 and Standing Order 194

3 Committee reports and government responses

Committee Report	Response
Report - No. 1, Subordinate legislation tabled between 29 November 2011 and 30 May 2012	No response required.
Report - No. 2, Queensland Art Gallery Amendment Bill 2012	The government supported all five recommendations.
Report - No. 3, Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2012	Of the three recommendations, the government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supported two and did not support one.
Report - No. 4, Subordinate Legislation considered between 31 May 2012 and 20 June 2012	No response required.

4 Committee budget

The committee is funded from the appropriation made to the Legislative Assembly.

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during 2011-2012.

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses	46,970
Business Travel	0
Printing and production	730
Advertising	0
Communications	505
Other costs	415
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$48,620

The Committee had no revenue for the period.

5 Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010

During 2011-2012, no disclosures were made to the committee in accordance with the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*.

6 Meeting Attendance

Dates	Menkens	Mulherin	Boothman	Bennett	Latter	Palaszczuk	Pucci	Symes
30 May 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 June 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 June 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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