

**RESPONSE TO FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S  
REPORT NO. 31 – TREASURY AND TRADE AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

**Recommendation 2**

*The Committee recommends that the Treasurer and Minister for Trade provide comment on how historical information will be retained with the abolition of the requirement to publish quarterly financial reports in the government gazette.*

The proposed amendment to section 22(5) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* will only impact on the quarterly consolidated fund statements. The annual consolidated fund financial report will continue to be prepared, audited by the Auditor-General and tabled in Parliament.

As previously advised, Queensland Treasury and Trade has made a commitment to retain all quarterly statements on its website, not only the most recent statement. To ensure members of the public know where to find the quarterly statements, a link to these will be included in the annual consolidated fund financial report, along with a statement that a copy of the quarterly statement can be provided to a member of the public on request to Queensland Treasury and Trade.

**Recommendation 3**

*The Committee recommends that the Treasurer and Minister for Trade advise whether motorised scooters are included under the definition of 'motorised wheelchairs' in the gratuitous insurance arrangements contained in the proposed amendment of section 33(3).*

Although not defined specifically in the *Motor Accident Insurance Regulation 2004* (MAIR), the current gratuitous CTP insurance arrangements covering motorised wheelchairs operate in tandem with the registration requirements for these vehicles.

The term 'motorised wheelchair' is defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* (TORUM –VRR) and means a motor vehicle that—

- (a) is designed and built for use by a seated person with mobility difficulties; and
- (b) is not capable of going faster than 10km/h; and
- (c) has a tare of not more than 150kg; and
- (d) is not propelled by an internal combustion engine.

In Queensland, a motorised wheelchair can only be used on footpaths and other road-related areas if it is registered. CTP insurance is provided gratuitously if the motorised wheelchair is registered.

Motorised scooters designed and used for people with a mobility impairment equivalent to a wheelchair would fit under the definition of a motorised wheelchair for the purposes of motor vehicle registration and gratuitous CTP cover provided these vehicles meet the specific eligibility criteria outlined in TORUM-VRR.

In consultation with the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel, Queensland Treasury and Trade will further consider whether there is a need to reference TORUM-VRR's definition of motorised wheelchair in the MAIR.