

COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Amendments during consideration in detail to be moved by
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1 After clause 14

Page 11, after line 17—

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14A Insertion of new pt 8B

After part 8A—

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Part 8B COVID-19 Oversight Committee

24B Establishment of parliamentary committee

A committee of the Legislative Assembly called the COVID-19 Oversight Committee is established.

24C Functions

The parliamentary committee has the function to inquire into, and report to the Legislative Assembly on, the government's response to COVID-19.

24D Powers

- (1) The parliamentary committee has power to call for persons, documents and other things.

Note—

See also the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, chapter 3, part 1 for other powers of the committee to require attendance and production of documents or other things.

- (2) Also, the parliamentary committee has the

power—

- (a) necessary to enable the committee to properly perform its functions, including power to appoint persons having special knowledge or skill to help the committee perform its functions; and
- (b) conferred on it by resolution of the Legislative Assembly with a view to the proper performance by the committee of its functions.

24E Membership of parliamentary committee

- (1) The parliamentary committee must consist of 7 members nominated as follows—
 - (a) 3 members nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) 4 members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, at least 1 of whom must be a cross bench member.
- (2) The chairperson of the parliamentary committee must be the member nominated as chairperson by the committee.
- (3) In this section—

cross bench member means a member of the Assembly who is neither—

- (a) a member of a political party recognised in the Assembly as being in government; nor
- (b) a member of a political party recognised in the Assembly as being in opposition.

24F Membership of parliamentary committee continues despite dissolution

- (1) Despite section 24E, from the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, the parliamentary committee consists of its members immediately before the dissolution.
- (2) A member under subsection (1) continues to be a member of the parliamentary committee until whichever of the following first happens—
 - (a) the member resigns by notice given to the clerk of the Parliament;
 - (b) the member dies;
 - (c) the returning officer for the electoral district in which the member was nominated as a candidate for the election notifies the electoral commission that a person other than the member has been elected for the electoral district;
 - (d) fresh members are appointed by the Legislative Assembly.
- (3) If a member stops being a member of the parliamentary committee under subsection (2)(c), the person recognised as the leader of the political party that nominated the member to the committee may nominate another person as a member of the committee until fresh members are appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

24G Quorum and voting at meetings of parliamentary committee

At a meeting of the parliamentary committee—

- (a) a quorum consists of 4 members appointed to the committee; and
- (b) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the members of the committee present and voting; and
- (c) each member of the committee has a vote on each question to be decided and, if the votes are equal, the chairperson of the committee has a casting vote.

24H Remuneration

The parliamentary committee is taken to be a committee under the *Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013*, part 4.

2 After clause 16

Page 15, before line 1—

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16A Amendment of sch 1 (Dictionary)

Schedule 1—

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parliamentary committee means the COVID-19 Oversight Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

3 Clause 52 (Insertion of new ch 9, pt 16)

Page 41, line 12 to page 42, line 18—

omit.

4 Clause 52 (Insertion of new ch 9, pt 16)

Page 42, lines 24 to 29—

omit, insert—

- (b) immediately before the commencement, the office had not been filled.

5 Clause 52 (Insertion of new ch 9, pt 16)

Page 43, lines 11 to 16—

omit, insert—

- (b) immediately before the commencement, the office had not been filled.

6 Clause 52 (Insertion of new ch 9, pt 16)

Page 44, line 1, ‘section 338(2) and (3)(b) and’—

omit.