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Chair's Foreword

Honourable Members

It is my pleasure to present this compilation of annual reports for seven former portfolio committees and the Business Committee of the 57th Legislative Assembly which were dissolved with the dissolution of the 57th Parliament under the provisions of section 19C of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* on 1 October 2024:

- Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee
- Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee
- Community Support and Services Committee
- Cost of Living and Economics Committee
- Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee
- Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee
- Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee, and
- Business Committee.

I commend this report to the House.



Hon Pat Weir MP

**Speaker, Legislative Assembly and
Chair, Committee of the Legislative Assembly**

1. Functions of the Committee

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the committee) is a statutory committee established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (POQA).

Section 84 of the POQA provides that the committee's areas of responsibility are as follows:

(a) *the ethical conduct of Members;*

Note—

However, under section 104C(2), a complaint about a particular member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the Ethics Committee.

(b) *parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;*

(c) *standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;*

(d) *any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders;*

(e) *any matter referred to the committee by the Speaker.*

Standing Order 135A Role of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall:

(a) monitor and review the business of the Legislative Assembly to aim for the effective and efficient discharge of business;

(b) monitor and review the operation of committees, particularly the referral of Bills to committees, and where appropriate vary the time for committees to report on Bills or vary the committee responsible for a Bill.

2. Former portfolio committees and the Business Committee

This report presents the 2024 – 2025 annual reports for seven former portfolio committees and the Business Committee of the 57th Legislative Assembly which were dissolved on 1 October 2024:

- Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee
- Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee
- Community Support and Services Committee
- Cost of Living and Economics Committee
- Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee
- Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee
- Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee, and
- Business Committee.

Due to their cessation the committees had not reported on their activities for the 2024 - 2025 financial year. Accordingly, the financial figures provided in the reports that follow reflect costs from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

Portfolio committees are established by the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly, as required by section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*. Standing Orders also set out the areas of responsibility for each portfolio committee.

Each of the portfolio committees had the following roles in relation to their portfolio areas:

- examining Bills and subordinate legislation to consider the policy to be enacted and the application of the fundamental legislative principles set out in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* and compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.
- examining the estimates of each department.
- investigating 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.
- assessing public accounts in its portfolio area in regard to integrity, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of financial management
- assessing public works in its portfolio area in regard to the suitability of the works for the purpose.

The committees could have also initiated an inquiry into anything it considered appropriate within its portfolio area.

Some portfolio committees had additional oversight responsibilities. These responsibilities are discussed in the individual reports that follow for the Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee, Community Support and Services Committee, Cost of Living and Economics Committee, Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee, Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee.

The Business Committee was established by Sessional Order 3 of the 57th Parliament.

More detailed information about the work of former committees is available at: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/formercommittees.

Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July – 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the 57th Parliament of Queensland. It was established on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.¹

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Energy and Clean Economy Jobs
- Resources and Critical Minerals
- Transport and Main Roads and Digital Services.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation - its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.² In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.³

Bills examined

Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 22 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee received and accepted 14 submissions, held a public briefing on 10 June 2024, and a public hearing in Brisbane on 8 July 2024. The committee made one recommendation, that the bill should be passed. The bill was passed on 22 August 2024.

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

² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

Mount Isa Mines Limited Agreement (Continuing Mining Activities) Amendment Bill 2024*Date referred: 1 May 2024**Reporting deadline: 1 November 2024**Status: Report tabled 6 September 2024*

The committee received and accepted 5 submissions, held a public briefing on 24 June 2024, and then a public hearing in Mount Isa on 6 August 2024. The committee made two recommendations, including that the bill should not be passed. The bill lapsed on 1 October 2024.

Inquiries

The committee did not undertake any public works or self-referral inquiries during the reporting period.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2023-24 budget estimates for its portfolio areas, which totalled \$16.723 billion.⁴

The committee held its estimates hearing on 30 July 2024 with the relevant portfolio ministers and departmental officials. The committee recommended that the proposed expenditure as detailed in the Appropriation Bill 2024 for the committee's areas of responsibility be agreed to. The Legislative Assembly passed the Appropriation Bill 2024, without amendment, on 21 August 2024.

Scrutiny of subordinate legislation

The committee tabled two reports with respect to its responsibility to scrutinise the lawfulness of subordinate legislation:

- Report No. 12, 57th Parliament-Subordinate legislation tabled between 21 May 2024 and 12 June 2024
- Report No. 14, 57th Parliament-Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 June 2024 and 21 August 2024.

Table 1: Portfolio subordinate legislation examined for the reporting period - 1 July 2024 to 1 October 2024

Report No.	Subordinate legislation	Matters identified		Explanatory notes adequate
		Fundamental legislative principles	Human rights	
12	Proclamation - Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Transport Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation - Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024	0	0	✓

⁴ Appropriation Bill 2024, pp 7-8.

Report No.	Subordinate legislation	Matters identified		Explanatory notes adequate
		Fundamental legislative principles	Human rights	
	Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
14	Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Transport Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation (No.2) 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation made under the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Amendment Regulation 2024	1	0	✓
	National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Surveyors Regulation 2024	0	1	✓
	Transport Operations (Road Use Management–Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation made under the Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024	0	0	✓
	Proclamation made under the Tow Truck Act 2023	0	0	✓
	Tow Truck Regulation 2024	4	1	✓
	Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2024	2	0	✓
	Transport Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024	0	0	✓
	Valuers Registration Regulation 2024	0	2	✓

The committee concluded that the subordinate legislation did not raise any significant issues regarding the policy to be given effect, lawfulness or application of fundamental legislative principles or compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

The committee considered several matters of fundamental legislative principle, including: reversal of onus of proof; the proportionality and consistency of penalties imposed; presumed liability for offences; and sub-delegation of legislative power. The committee also considered human rights issues as part of its review, including: the right to privacy and reputation; and right to freedom of expression.

On all occasions, the committee was satisfied that potential breaches or limitations were sufficiently justified in the circumstances. The committee was also satisfied that all explanatory notes tabled with the subordinate legislation complied with the requirements of section 24 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* (Act).

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

The committee resolved at its final meeting on 9 September 2024, to finalise its consideration of the following referred Auditor-General report:

- Auditor-General Report 12: 2023-24 - Responding to and recovering from cyber-attacks.

Annual report

The committee's Report No. 11, 57th Parliament – Annual Report 2023-24 was tabled on 26 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ⁵	103,912
Travel	18,938
Meeting expenses ⁶	4,055
Technology	1,678
Printing and stationery	748
Advertising	189
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	129,520

Membership

Ms Kim Richards MP, Member for Redlands (Chair)

Mr Pat Weir MP, Member for Condamine (Deputy Chair)

Mr Bryson Head MP, Member for Callide

Ms Joan Pease MP, Member for Lytton

Mr Les Walker MP, Member for Mundingburra

Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North

⁵ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

⁶ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at committee and sub-committee meetings during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry.

Meeting Date	Activity	Ms K Richards MP	Mr P Weir MP	Mr B Head MP	Ms J Pease MP	Mr L Walker MP	Mr T Watts MP
8 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting PH public hearing

Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July – 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Community Safety and Legal Affairs (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.⁷

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Justice and Attorney General
- Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
- Police and Community Safety
- Fire and Disaster Recovery
- Corrective Services.

The *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each Bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.⁸

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.⁹ In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.¹⁰

Bills examined

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

Date referred: 1 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024, originally 14 June 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee accepted 3 submissions regarding its inquiry into the Bill during the reporting period. The committee made one recommendation, that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed, with amendment, on 22 August 2024.

⁷ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 88; Standing Order 194.

⁸ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 93.

⁹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 94.

¹⁰ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 92.

Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill 2024

Date referred: 22 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee accepted 34 submissions during the reporting period. It held a public briefing and public hearing on 12 July 2024 regarding its inquiry into the Bill. The committee made one recommendation, that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed, without amendment, on 10 September 2024.

Criminal Code (Defence of Dwellings and Other Premises – Castle Law) Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 1 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 4 November 2024

Status: Lapsed

The committee accepted 63 submissions and held a public briefing on 19 August 2024 regarding its inquiry into the Bill during the reporting period.

As the committee had not tabled its report in respect of its inquiry into the Bill prior to the dissolution of the 57th Parliament, the committee's inquiry into the Bill lapsed on that date.

Respect at Work and Other Matters Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 14 June 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee accepted 37 submissions, held a public hearing on 12 July 2024 and held a public briefing on 15 July 2024 regarding its inquiry into the Bill during the reporting period. The committee made one recommendation, that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed, with amendment, on 10 September 2024.

Crime and Corruption (Reporting) Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 10 September 2024

Reporting deadline: 11 March 2025

Status: Lapsed

The committee did not call for submissions into the Bill during the reporting period.

As the committee had not tabled its report in respect of its inquiry into the Bill prior to the dissolution of the 57th Parliament, the committee's inquiry into the Bill lapsed on that date.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2024-25 budget estimates for its portfolio areas. On 11 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 was introduced and referred to the committee for its examination and report on the committee's areas of responsibility as set out under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders.

The committee held its estimates hearing on 26 July 2024 with the relevant portfolio ministers:

- Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
- Minister for Police and Community Safety
- Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 16), together with its Volume of Additional Information, on 9 August 2024. The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2024.

Response to recommendations in Legal Affairs and Safety Committee, Report No. 66 – Oversight of the Queensland Family and Child Commission

On 2 August 2024, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Hon Yvette D'Ath MP, tabled her response to Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee, Report No. 66, 57th Parliament – Oversight of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (Report No. 66).

In Report No. 66, in addition to a recommendation that the Legislative Assembly notes the contents of the report, the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee recommended that the Queensland Government considers:

- amending section 13 of the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014* to provide that commissioners are appointed for a term of 5 years and may be reappointed (recommendation 2)
- implementing the amendments to the *Family and Child Commission Act 2024* suggested by the Queensland Family and Child Commission in its submission titled 'Legislative Review – Family and Child Commission Act 2014' dated March 2023 in response to the discussion paper concerning a legislative review of the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014* (recommendation 3).

The Queensland Government supported recommendation 2 in principle.

With respect to recommendation 3, the Queensland Government supported, or supported in principle, each of the key amendments proposed by the Queensland Family and Child Commission. The key proposed amendments were:

- establish a dedicated, independent, appropriately empowered and resourced Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people
- establish compatible powers for both Commissioners to exercise in the performance of QFCC functions
- add a more explicit role for the Commission to 'promote the rights of children and young people'
- add a new objective to 'promote the rights, development, wellbeing and best interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people'
- add new functions to 'promote a culture of accountability for upholding the rights of children and young people in Queensland' and 'promote the participation of children and young people in the making of decisions that affect their lives'
- enable the QFCC to provide leadership for e-safety within Queensland

- establish a reportable conduct scheme as recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual abuse
- establish a child safety scheme as recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Subordinate legislation examined

As part of its examination of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, the committee tabled the following reports:

- Report No. 12, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 April 2024 and 30 April 2024 (tabled on 17 July 2024)
- Report No. 18, 57th Parliament — Subordinate legislation tabled between 1 May 2024 and 11 June 2024 (tabled on 27 August 2024)

No significant issues were identified by the committee regarding the policy, consistency with fundamental legal principles, compatibility with human rights, or lawfulness of the subordinate legislation. The committee also considered that the explanatory notes and human rights certificate accompanying the subordinate legislation complied with the requirements of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* and the *Human Rights Act 2019* respectively.

The committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the content of the reports, including the committee's conclusion that the subordinate legislation did not raise any significant issues regarding the application of fundamental legislative principles or compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Consideration of forms authorised by legislation

The committee's responsibilities include monitoring the operation of section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* in relation to legislation within its portfolio area. That section sets out requirements for forms, including how forms must be notified and made available to the public.

During the reporting period, the committee considered 13 forms within its portfolio area and notified in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. These forms are listed in the table below. The committee did not identify any issues of concern regarding these forms.

Forms authorised by legislation examined by the committee between 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

Form No.	Version	Form heading	Authorising law
Form 5	2	Safety order	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 5A	1	Temporary safety order	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 5B	1	Consecutive safety order	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
QLS Form 5 (SR)	14	Appointment of proxy for annual general meeting	Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007
Form 27	13	Approval for Access to a Corrective Services Facility and Visit a Prisoner (Personal Visitor)	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 1	5	Application for appointment as a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) or Commissioner for Declarations	<i>Justices of the Peace and Commissioner for Declarations Act 1991</i>

Form 3	2	Application for appointment as Justice of the Peace (Magistrates Court)	<i>Justices of the Peace and Commissioner for Declarations Act 1991</i>
Form 5	4	Application for upgrade to be registered as a Justice of the Peace (Qualified)	<i>Justices of the Peace and Commissioner for Declarations Act 1991</i>
Form 35	1	Practising Certificate and Membership Renewal Application	<i>Legal Profession Act 2007</i>
Form 52	1	Reconsideration Application by No Body-No Parole Prisoner	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 3	1	Application to Alter the Record of Sex (Supervision Order)	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i> <i>Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003</i>
Form 3	1	Application to Alter the Record of Sex (Custody)	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 12	2	Application for Removal of a Prisoner from a Corrective Services Facility for Law Enforcement Purposes	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 28	6	Application by Prisoner for Exceptional Circumstances Parole Officer	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>
Form 29	8	Application by Prisoner for Parole Officer	<i>Corrective Services Act 2006</i>

Oversight

As part of its oversight responsibilities, the committee tabled Report No. 17, 57th Parliament — Examination of the Report of the Strategic Review of the Office of the Information Commissioner on 16 August 2024. The committee made one recommendation, that the report be noted.

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

At the date of dissolution, the committee's consideration of Auditor-General Report No. 15: 2023-24 – *Reducing serious youth crime* (tabled on 28 June 2024 and referred to the committee on 22 August 2024) was ongoing.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ¹¹	103,912
Consultants	4,663
Meeting expenses ¹²	3,783
Technology	1,678
Printing and stationery	748
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	114,784

Membership

Mr Peter Russo MP, Member for Toohey (Chair)

Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Scenic Rim (Deputy Chair)

Ms Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa

Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Theodore

Ms Jonty Bush MP, Member for Cooper

Mr Jason Hunt MP, Member for Caloundra

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH) and public hearings (PH) during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr P Russo MP	Mr J Krause MP	Ms S Bolton MP	Mr M Boothman MP	Ms J Bush MP	Mr J Hunt MP
1 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
3 July 2024	PrM	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

¹¹ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

¹² The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr P Russo MP	Mr J Krause MP	Ms S Bolton MP	Mr M Boothman MP	Ms J Bush MP	Mr J Hunt MP
9 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15 July 2024	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 July 2024	PrM	✗ ¹³	✓	✗	✓	✗ ¹⁴	✓
7 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗ ¹⁵
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ¹⁶
17 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✗ ¹⁷	✓	✗ ¹⁸
24 September 2024 ¹⁹	PrM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗ ²⁰	✓
24 September 2024 ²¹	PrM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
25 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
30 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting PB public briefing PH public hearing

¹³ Mr Chris Whiting MP substitute and Acting Chair for Mr Peter Russo MP.

¹⁴ Mr Barry O'Rourke MP substitute for Ms Jonty Bush MP.

¹⁵ Mr Chris Whiting MP substitute for Mr Jason Hunt MP.

¹⁶ Hon Craig Crawford MP substitute for Mr Jason Hunt MP.

¹⁷ Mr Lachlan Millar MP substitute for Mr Mark Boothman MP.

¹⁸ Hon Craig Crawford MP substitute for Mr Jason Hunt MP.

¹⁹ There being no quorum achieved after 15 minutes, the meeting did not proceed.

²⁰ Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP substitute for Ms Jonty Bush MP.

²¹ There being no quorum achieved after 15 minutes, the meeting did not proceed.

Community Support and Services Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Community Support and Services Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.²²

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts
- Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services, and Multicultural Affairs
- Tourism and Sport.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.²³ In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.²⁴

Bills examined

Criminal Justice Legislation (Sexual Violence and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 21 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee received and accepted 13 submissions to the inquiry. The committee held a public briefing in Brisbane on 10 June 2024 and a public hearing in Brisbane on 19 June 2024. The committee made four recommendations, including that the bill be passed.

The bill was passed with amendment on 10 September 2024.

²² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

²³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

²⁴ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

Child Safe Organisations Bill 2024

Date referred: 12 June 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee received and accepted 21 submissions to the inquiry. The committee held a public briefing in Brisbane on 9 July 2024 and a public hearing in Brisbane on 19 July 2024. The committee made one recommendation, that the bill be passed.

The bill was passed without amendment on 11 September 2024.

Disability Services (Restrictive Practices) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 14 June 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee received and accepted 12 submissions. The committee held a public briefing in Brisbane on 9 July 2024 and a public hearing in Brisbane on 19 July 2024. The committee made 4 recommendations, including that the bill be passed.

The bill lapsed with the dissolution of the 57th Queensland Parliament on 30 September 2024.

Arts (Statutory Bodies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 11 September 2024

Reporting deadline: not determined.

The committee sought submissions from stakeholders and requested a written briefing from the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.

The bill lapsed with the dissolution of the 57th Queensland Parliament on 30 September 2024.

Inquiries

Inquiry into Prehistoric, Dinosaur and Paleo Tourism in Outback Queensland

Date referred: 13 February 2024 (transferred from former Economics and Governance Committee)

Reporting deadline: 30 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 30 August 2024

The Inquiry into prehistoric, dinosaur and paleo tourism in Outback Queensland was introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 18 September 2023. On 13 February 2024, the Legislative Assembly amended Schedule 6 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly, and transferred the Inquiry from the Economics and Governance Committee (ECGC) to the Community Support and Services Committee for detailed consideration.

The committee received and accepted one submission to the inquiry (an additional 4 were received by the former Economics and Governance Committee prior to the Inquiry transfer).

The committee held a public hearing in Quilpie on 27 May 2024 and conducted a site visit in Eromanga on 28 May 2024. The committee made 2 recommendations.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2024-25 budget estimates for its portfolio areas. On 11 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 was introduced and referred to the committee for examination and report on the committee's areas of responsibility as set out under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders.

The committee held its estimates hearing on 31 July 2024 with the relevant portfolio ministers:

- Minister for Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts
- Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Minister for Tourism and Sport.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 49), together with a Volume of additional information on 9 August 2024, recommending that the portfolio expenditures as proposed in the Bill be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly. The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2024.

Examination of subordinate legislation

As part of its examination of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, the committee tabled the following reports:

- Report No. 45, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 September 2023 and 30 April 2024 (tabled on 10 July 2024)
- Report No. 51, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 1 May 2024 and 11 June 2024 (tabled on 23 August 2024)
- Report No. 53, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 12 June 2024 and 20 August 2024 (tabled on 13 September 2024).

No significant issues were identified by the committee regarding the policy, consistency with FLPs, compatibility with human rights, or lawfulness of the subordinate legislation. The committee also considered that the explanatory notes and human rights certificate accompanying the subordinate legislation complied with the requirements of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* and the *Human Rights Act 2019* respectively.

The committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the content of the reports, including the committee's conclusion that the subordinate legislation did not raise any significant issues regarding the application of fundamental legislative principles or compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Consideration of forms authorised by legislation

The committee's responsibilities include monitoring the operation of s 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* in relation to legislation within its portfolio area. That section sets out a number of requirements for forms, including how forms must be notified and made available to the public.

During the reporting period, the committee considered 13 forms within its portfolio area and notified in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. The forms are listed in the table below. The committee did not identify any issues of concern regarding this form.

Form No.	Version	Form heading	Authorising law
31	1	Application for adoption information: Adult relative of a birth parent who is deceased or does not have capacity. Adopted person is currently a child.	<i>Adoption Act 2009</i>
1	5	Application for a Temporary Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
2	4	Application to extend and/or vary a Temporary Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
3	5	Temporary Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
4	5	Order to extend a Temporary Assessment Order/* Variation of a Temporary Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
5	4	Application for a Court Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
6	4	Application to extend / vary / revoke a Court Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
7	4	Court Assessment Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
8	4	Court Assessment Order Extension / Variation / Revocation of Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
39	2	Application for a Temporary Custody Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
40	2	Temporary Custody Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
41	2	Application to extend/vary a Temporary Custody Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>
42	2	Order to extend a Temporary Custody Order / *Variation of a Temporary Custody Order	<i>Child Protection Act 1999</i>

Oversight

As part of its oversight activities, the committee continued to examine matters relating to the functions and operations of the Family Responsibilities Commission.

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

On 26 May 2023, the Auditor-General tabled *Report 12: 2022-23 - Growing Ecotourism in Queensland* (Report 12: 2022-23), which was initially referred to the former Economics and Governance Committee. On 13 February 2024 the consideration of Report 12: 2022-23 was transferred to the Community Support and Services Committee for consideration.

On 9 September 2024, the committee determined to take no further action with respect to its examination of Report 12: 2022-23.

Annual report

The committee's *Report No. 50, 57th Parliament – Annual Report 2023-24* (for the period 13 February 2024 to 30 June 2024) was tabled on 23 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ²⁵	103,912
Consultants	8,097
Meeting expenses ²⁶	3,430
Technology	1,678
Printing and stationery	748
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	117,865

Membership

Mr Adrian Tantari MP, Member for Hervey Bay (Chair)

Mr Stephen Bennett MP, Member for Burnett (Deputy Chair)

Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar

Ms Cynthia Lui MP, Member for Cook

Dr Mark Robinson MP, Member for Oodgeroo

Mr Robert Skelton MP, Member for Nicklin

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH) and public hearings (PH) during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr A Tantari MP	Mr S Bennett MP	Mr M Berkman MP	Dr M Robinson MP	Mr R Skelton MP	Ms C Lui MP
9 July 2024	PrM	✓	X ²⁷	✓	✓	✓	✓

²⁵ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

²⁶ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

²⁷ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Mr Stephen Bennett MP.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr A Tantari MP	Mr S Bennett MP	Mr M Berkman MP	Dr M Robinson MP	Mr R Skelton MP	Ms C Lui MP
9 July 2024	PB	✓	X ²⁸	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 July 2024	PB	✓	X ²⁹	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	X ³⁰	✓	X ³¹
19 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	X ³²	✓	X ³³
19 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	X	X ³⁴	✓	X ³⁵
19 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	X ³⁶	✓	X ³⁷
30 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	X ³⁸	✓

Legend: PrM: private meeting PB: public briefing PrH: private hearing PrB: private briefing PH: public hearing

²⁸ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Mr Stephen Bennett MP.

²⁹ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Mr Stephen Bennett MP.

³⁰ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Dr Mark Robinson MP.

³¹ Mr Peter Russo MP substitute for Ms Cynthia Lui MP.

³² Mr James Lister MP substitute for Dr Mark Robinson MP.

³³ Mr Peter Russo MP substitute for Ms Cynthia Lui MP.

³⁴ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Dr Mark Robinson MP.

³⁵ Mr Peter Russo MP substitute for Ms Cynthia Lui MP.

³⁶ Mr James Lister MP substitute for Dr Mark Robinson MP.

³⁷ Mr James Martin MP substitute for Ms Cynthia Lui MP.

³⁸ Mr Joe Kelly MP substitute for Mr Robert Skelton MP.

Cost of Living and Economics Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July – 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Cost of Living and Economics Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.³⁹

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Premier and Cabinet
- Treasury, Trade and Investment.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each Bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.⁴⁰

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.⁴¹ In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.⁴²

Bills examined

Progressive Coal Royalties Protection (Keep Them in the Bank) Bill 2024

Date referred: 23 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The committee received and accepted 8 submissions, and held a public briefing on 10 June 2024 and a public hearing on 8 July 2024 in Brisbane. The committee made one recommendation, that the bill be passed.

The Bill's second reading was adjourned on 11 September 2024.

³⁹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 88; Standing Order 194.

⁴⁰ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 93.

⁴¹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 94.

⁴² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, s 92.

Inquiries

Inquiry into the Report on the 2023 Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office

Date referred: 23 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 17 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 17 September 2024

Section 68 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009* (AG Act) requires a strategic review of the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to be conducted at least every 5 years, counting from when the Minister makes a response to the parliamentary committee report on the most recent earlier strategic review, up to when the next reviewer is appointed. On 15 February 2024, the Premier tabled the final review report, which was automatically referred to the committee for consideration pursuant to section 92(2) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

The committee held a public briefing with the strategic reviewers on 15 April, a public hearing with the Queensland Audit Office on 29 April, and a further briefing with the newly-appointed 24th Auditor-General on 19 August 2024.

The committee tabled its Report No. 15, 57th Parliament – Inquiry into the Report on the 2023 Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office on 17 September 2024.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2024-25 budget estimates for its portfolio areas. On 11 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 was introduced and referred to the committee for its examination and report on the committee's areas of responsibility as set out under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders.

The committee held its estimates hearings on 22 and 23 July 2024 with the relevant portfolios:

- Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- Premier and Cabinet
- Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment

The committee tabled its Report No. 10, 57th Parliament–2024-25 Budget Estimates – Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2024, and Report No. 11, 57th Parliament–2024-25 Budget Estimates – Appropriation Bill 2024, together with its Volume of Additional Information, on 9 August 2024. The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2024.

Subordinate legislation examined

As part of its examination of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, the committee tabled the following reports:

- Report No. 12, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 April and 11 June 2024 (tabled on 27 August 2024)
- Report No. 14, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 12 June 2024 and 20 August 2024 (tabled on 17 September 2024).

No significant issues were identified by the committee regarding the policy, consistency with fundamental legal principles, compatibility with human rights, or lawfulness of the subordinate legislation. The committee also considered that the explanatory notes and human rights certificate accompanying the subordinate legislation complied with the requirements of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* and the *Human Rights Act 2019* respectively.

The committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the content of the reports, including the committee's conclusion that the subordinate legislation did not raise any significant issues regarding the application of fundamental legislative principles or compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Consideration of forms authorised by legislation

The committee's responsibilities include monitoring the operation of section 48 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1954 in relation to legislation within its portfolio area. That section sets out a number of requirements for forms, including how forms must be notified and made available to the public.

During the reporting period, the committee considered 3 forms within its portfolio area and notified in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. These forms are listed in the table below. The committee did not identify any issues of concern regarding these forms.

Forms authorised by legislation examined by the committee between 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

Form No.	Version	Form heading	Authorising law
QRO-INF 4	1	Infringement Notice – Photographic Detection Device Offence	<i>State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999</i>
QRO-INF 10	1	Infringement Notice – Photographic Detection Device Offence	<i>State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999</i>
QRO-INF 11	1	Infringement Notice – Photographic Detection Device Offence – Mobile Phone/Seatbelt	<i>State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999</i>

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

At the time of dissolution, the committee's consideration of Queensland Audit Office Annual Report 2023-24 will be referred to the committee of the 58th Parliament.

Annual report

Committee activity during the period 13 February – 30 June 2024 was reported in the committee's *Report No. 13, 57th Parliament — Annual Report 2023-24*, tabled on 27 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ⁴³	103,912
Meeting expenses ⁴⁴	3,484
Technology	1,444
Printing and stationery	748
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	109,588

Membership

Mr Linus Power MP, Member for Logan (Chair)

Mr Ray Stevens MP, Member for Mermaid Beach (Deputy Chair)

Ms Amanda Camm MP, Member for Whitsunday

Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera

Mrs Melissa McMahon MP, Member for Macalister

Ms Jess Pugh MP, Member for Mount Ommaney

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH) and public hearings (PH) during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr L Power MP	Mr R Stevens MP	Mr M Crandon MP	Ms M McMahon MP	Ms A Camm MP	Ms J Pugh MP
1 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
8 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

⁴³ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

⁴⁴ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr L Power MP	Mr R Stevens MP	Mr M Crandon MP	Ms M McMahon MP	Ms A Camm MP	Ms J Pugh MP
22 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁴⁵
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting

PB public briefing

⁴⁵ Mr Barry O'Rourke MP substitute for Jess Pugh MP.

Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July – 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.⁴⁶

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Education and Youth Justice
- Employment, Small Business, Training and Skills Development.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.⁴⁷ In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.⁴⁸

Bills examined

Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Date referred: 12 June 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled on 2 August 2024

The committee accepted 23 submissions and held a public briefing on 28 June 2024 and public hearing on 17 July 2024. The committee made 2 recommendations, including that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed with amendment on 11 September 2024.

⁴⁶ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

⁴⁷ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

⁴⁸ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2024-25 budget estimates for its portfolio areas. On 14 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 and the estimates for the committee's areas of responsibility were referred to the committee for investigation and report.

The committee held its estimates hearing on 1 August 2024 with the relevant portfolio ministers:

- Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice
- Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 9) together with a Volume of additional information on 9 August 2024, recommending that the portfolio expenditures as proposed in the Bill be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly. The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2024.

Subordinate legislation examined

As part of its examination of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, the committee tabled Report No. 11, 57th Parliament - Subordinate legislation tabled between 14 February 2024 and 3 September 2024 (tabled on 29 July 2024).

Report No. 11 examined amendments to national regulations operating under the Education and Care Services National Law. These do not fall within the numbered sequence of subordinate legislation and explanatory notes are not required to accompany the amendment regulations.

The committee did not identify any significant issues regarding the policy, consistency with fundamental legislative principles, compatibility with human rights, or lawfulness of the amendment regulations. The committee considered human rights certificate accompanying the subordinate legislation complied with the requirements of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

The committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the content of the report.

Annual report

The committee's Report No. 10, 57th Parliament – Annual Report 2023-24 (for the period 13 February 2024 to 30 June 2024) was tabled on 29 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ⁴⁹	103,912
Consultants	3,250
Meeting expenses ⁵⁰	2,948
Technology	1,678
Printing and stationery	748
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	112,536

Membership

Mr Mark Bailey MP, Member for Miller (Chair)

Mr James Lister MP, Member for Southern Downs (Deputy Chair)

Mr Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook

Mrs Margie Nightingale MP, Member for Inala

Mr Barry O'Rourke MP, Member for Rockhampton

Mr Darren Zanow MP, Member for Ipswich West

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH) and public hearings (PH) for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

Meeting Date	Activity	Hon M Bailey MP	Mr J Lister MP	Mr N Dametto MP	Mr B O'Rourke MP	Mrs M Nightingale MP	Mr D Zanow MP
15 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

⁴⁹ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

⁵⁰ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting Date	Activity	Hon M Bailey MP	Mr J Lister MP	Mr N Dametto MP	Mr B O'Rourke MP	Mrs M Nightingale MP	Mr D Zanow MP
17 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵¹
29 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 August 2024	PrM	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting
PrB private briefing

PB public briefing
PH public hearing

PrH private hearing

⁵¹ Mr Bryson Head MP substitute for Mr Darren Zanow MP under SO202(1).

Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee

Annual Report 2024-2025

(1 July – 30 September 2024)

Committee responsibilities

The Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.⁵²

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- Health, Mental Health, Ambulance Services and Women
- Environment, Great Barrier Reef, Science and Innovation
- Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, and Rural Communities.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.⁵³ In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.⁵⁴

The committee also had a monitor and review function in relation to the operation of the health service complaints management system in Queensland. Standing Order 194A and Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders, and the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*,⁵⁵ provide that the committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the operation of the health service complaints management system in the state, which includes the Health Ombudsman, the national Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and the 15 national health practitioner registrations boards.

⁵² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

⁵³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

⁵⁴ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

⁵⁵ *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*, ss 19 and 179.

Bills examined**Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024***Date referred: 20 March 2024**Reporting deadline: 23 September 2024**Status: Report tabled 20 September 2024*

The committee accepted submissions and held a public briefing in the previous financial year. A public hearing was held in Brisbane on 19 August 2024.

The committee's report (Report No. 15) recommended that the bill not be passed. The committee made one other recommendation to the Queensland Government regarding staffing levels in termination of pregnancy health service provision.

Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2024*Date referred: 22 May 2024**Reporting deadline: 25 November 2024**Status: Bill discharged from the Notice Paper and withdrawn on 21 August 2024*

The committee received and accepted 14 submissions to the inquiry. The committee held a public briefing in Brisbane in the previous financial year (21 June 2024).

The bill was ruled out of order by the Speaker on 1 July 2024 and subsequently withdrawn by the Member for Hill.

Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024*Date referred: 12 June 2024**Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024**Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024*

The committee received and accepted 30 submissions and held public hearing on 10 July 2022 in Brisbane (a public briefing was held in Brisbane in the previous financial year). The committee made one recommendation in its report (Report No. 10), that the bill be passed.

The bill was passed with amendment in the Legislative Assembly on 11 September 2024.

Crocodile Control, Conservation and Safety Bill 2024*Date referred: 22 May 2024**Reporting deadline: 24 February 2025**Status: Lapsed*

The committee accepted 12 submissions to the inquiry prior to dissolution.

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024*Date referred: 11 September 2024**Reporting deadline: none**Status: Lapsed*

The committee accepted 15 submissions to the inquiry prior to dissolution.

Examination of budget estimates

On 14 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 and the estimates for the committee's areas of responsibility, as set out under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders, were referred to the committee for investigation and report.

The committee held its estimates hearing on 25 July 2024, taking evidence about the proposed expenditure from relevant portfolio ministers: the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women, the Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation, the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, and from other witnesses.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 11), together with a Volume of additional information on 9 August 2024, recommending that the portfolio expenditures as proposed in the Bill be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment. The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed without amendment in the Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2024.

Subordinate legislation examined

During the reporting period, the committee examined and reported on 23 pieces of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, tabling the following:

- Report No. 9, 57th Parliament - Subordinate legislation tabled between 20 March 2024 and 16 April 2024 (tabled on 11 July 2024)
- Report No. 13, 57th Parliament - Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 April 2024 and 30 April 2024 (tabled on 4 September 2024)
- Report No. 14, 57th Parliament - Subordinate legislation tabled between 1 May 2024 and 11 June 2024 (tabled on 4 September 2024)
- Report No. 17, 57th Parliament - Subordinate legislation tabled between 12 June 2024 and 20 August 2024 (tabled on 20 September 2024).

The committee identified matters of concern regarding fundamental legislative principles in relation to SL Nos. 26, 44, 52, 78, 92, 102, 139, 142 and 148. The committee also considered human rights matters in relation to SL Nos. 25, 26 and 92. In all cases, the committee was ultimately satisfied that the subordinate legislation had sufficient regard for fundamental legislative principles, and any limitations of human rights were reasonable and justified in the circumstances.

While the committee considered that the explanatory notes tabled with all subordinate legislation generally complied with part 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, the committee recommended that the Minister amend the explanatory notes for SL. No. 52 to clarify statements within. The committee noted that all human rights certificates tabled with the subordinate legislation examined and reported on in the reporting period provided sufficient information to consider compatibility with human rights.

In each report, the committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the content of its report.

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

The Auditor-General tabled Report 1: 2023-24—*Managing Invasive species* on 4 July 2023. The report was referred to the former State Development and Regional Industries Committee (former SDRIC) on 24 August 2023, and transferred to the committee on 13 February 2024.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 16) which recommended that the Legislative Assembly note its content, on 20 September 2024.

At the time of dissolution, the committee had completed its consideration of all referred Auditor-General's reports.

Annual report

The committee's Report No. 12, 57th Parliament – Annual Report 2023-24 was tabled on 26 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ⁵⁶	103,912
Meeting expenses ⁵⁷	4,297
Consultants	2,907
Technology	1,859
Printing and stationery	748
Travel	263
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	113,986

Membership

Mr Aaron Harper MP, Member for Thuringowa (Chair)

Mr Robert (Rob) Molhoek MP, Member for Southport, (Deputy Chair)

Mr Stephen (Steve) Andrew MP, Member for Mirani

Hon Craig Crawford MP, Member for Barron River

Mr James Martin MP, Member for Stretton

Mr Samuel (Sam) O'Connor MP, Member for Bonney

⁵⁶ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

⁵⁷ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH) and public hearings (PH) during the reporting period.

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Meeting Date	Activity	Mr A Harper MP	Mr R Molhoek MP	Hon C Crawford MP	Mr S Andrew MP	Mr J Martin MP	Mr S O'Connor MP
2 July 24	PrM	x ⁵⁸	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 July 24	PrM	x ⁵⁹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 July 2024	PH	x ⁶⁰	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25 July 24	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 August 2024	PrM	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 August 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting PB public briefing
 PrB private briefing PH public hearing
 PrH private hearing

⁵⁸ Mr Peter Russo MP substituted as Acting Chair for Mr Aaron Harper MP.

⁵⁹ Ms Kim Richards MP substituted as Acting Chair for Mr Aaron Harper MP.

⁶⁰ Ms Kim Richards MP substituted as Acting Chair for Mr Aaron Harper MP.

Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee

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Committee responsibilities

The Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee (committee) was a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 13 February 2024 under section 88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.⁶¹

The committee's primary areas of responsibility included:

- State Development, Infrastructure, Industrial Relations and Racing
- Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works
- Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water.

Section 93 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio area to consider:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles
- the compatibility of the legislation with the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.⁶² In addition, committees consider the reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.⁶³

Bills examined

Trusts Bill 2024 (Report No. 17)

Date referred: 21 May 2024

Reporting deadline: 2 August 2024

Status: Report tabled 2 August 2024

The Trusts Bill 2024 (Bill) was introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 21 May 2024 and was referred to the committee for consideration. The Bill's main purpose was to replace the *Trusts Act 1973* with modernised and simplified legislation.

⁶¹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

⁶² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

⁶³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

The committee accepted 5 submissions to its inquiry and conducted one departmental briefing and one public hearing, with 14 witnesses contributing to its inquiry.

The committee tabled its report on 2 August 2024 and recommended that the Bill be passed. The committee also recommended that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General consider including a definition of 'appoint' in the Bill to avoid any unintentional restrictions on those who can be deemed to hold property under a remedial constructive or resulting trust.

An interim response to the committee's report was received on 26 September 2024. That response stated that matters relevant to the Bill are still under consideration and that a final response to the report will be a matter for the incoming government after the state election.

The Bill did not reach the second reading stage and lapsed on dissolution of the Queensland Parliament on 1 October 2024.

Public-Private Partnership (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2024

Date referred: 21 August 2024

Reporting deadline: 24 February 2025

Status: Lapsed

The Public-Private Partnership (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2024 (Bill) was introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 21 August 2024 by the Member for Mirani and was referred to the committee for consideration. The Bill sought to introduce a legislative framework to require public entities to publish information relating to Public-Private Partnership arrangements in Queensland.

The committee conducted a public briefing with the Member for Mirani, considered a written briefing from the Queensland Treasury, and considered fundamental legislative principle and human rights issues relating to the Bill.

The committee's inquiry lapsed on dissolution of the Queensland Parliament on 1 October 2024.

Examination of budget estimates

The committee was responsible for examining the 2024-25 budget estimates for its portfolio areas. On 11 June 2024, the Appropriation Bill 2024 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly and was referred to the committee on 14 June 2024 for its examination and report on the committee's areas of responsibility as set out under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders.

The committee conducted its estimates hearing on 24 July 2024 with the relevant portfolio ministers:

- Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Racing
- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works
- Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water.

The committee tabled its report (Report No. 18) with a Volume of additional information on 9 August 2024. The committee recommended that the proposed expenditures, as proposed in the Bill be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly.

The Appropriation Bill 2024 was passed without amendment on 21 August 2024.

Scrutiny of subordinate legislation

During the reporting period, the committee examined and reported on 30 items of subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas, tabling the following:

- Report No. 19, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 April 2024 and 30 April 2024 (tabled on 9 August 2024)
- Report No. 21, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 1 May 2024 and 21 May 2024 (tabled on 28 August 2024)
- Report No. 22, 57th Parliament – Subordinate Legislation tabled between 22 May 2024 and 20 August 2024 (tabled on 17 September 2024).

For all subordinate legislation considered, the committee concluded that it did not raise any significant issues regarding the policy to be given effect, or its lawfulness.

The committee identified matters regarding fundamental legislative principles in relation to SL Nos. 47, 100, 101, 121, and 128 of 2024. The committee also considered human rights matters in relation to SL Nos. 47, 79, 100, 101, 115, 121, 138, 159 and 160 of 2024. In all cases, the committee was ultimately satisfied that the subordinate legislation had sufficient regard for fundamental legislative principles, and any limitations of human rights were reasonable and justified in the circumstances.

While the committee ultimately considered that all explanatory notes tabled with the subordinate legislation complied with part 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* (Act), the committee did identify a small number of instances where explanatory notes did not include a brief outline of the results of consultation undertaken, or changes made to the subordinate legislation as a result of that consultation, as required by sections 24(2)(a)(ii) and (iii) of the Act. The committee provided a copy of the committee's report and comments to relevant departments to ensure obligations under the Act were fully understood.

The committee noted that all human rights certificates tabled with the subordinate legislation examined and reported on in the reporting period provided sufficient information to consider compatibility with human rights.

Consideration of forms

The committee considered three forms notified in the Government Gazette on 14 December 2023, 15 December 2023 and 16 February 2024 for compliance with section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* (Act). The committee was satisfied that all forms considered complied with the Act accordingly.

Consideration of Auditor-General's reports

On 13 June 2024, the Auditor-General tabled *Report 14: 2023-24—Queensland's regions 2023*, which was referred to the committee for consideration on 14 June 2024.

The committee's inquiry lapsed on dissolution of the Queensland Parliament on 1 October 2024.

Public works

The committee did not undertake any public works inquiries during the reporting period.

Annual report

The committee's Report No. 20, 57th Parliament – *Annual Report 2023-2024* was tabled on 28 August 2024.

Committee expenditure

The following table outlines the committee's expenses during the reporting period:

ITEM	\$
Employee expenses ⁶⁴	103,912
Meeting expenses ⁶⁵	3,334
Technology	1,678
Printing and stationery	748
Consultants	500
Travel	76
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	110,248

Membership

Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft (Chair)

Mr Jim McDonald MP, Member for Lockyer (Deputy Chair)

Mr Don Brown MP, Member for Capalaba

Mr Michael Hart MP, Member for Burleigh

Mr Robbie Katter MP, Member for Traeger

Mr Tom Smith MP, Member for Bundaberg

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at private committee meetings (PrM), public briefings (PB), private briefings (PrB) and private hearings (PrH), public hearings (PH) and site visits (SV) during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. Details of any such appointments are included in footnotes.

⁶⁴ The figure for employee expenses reflects a three-person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing may have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff during the year.

⁶⁵ The figure for meeting expenses includes expenses for audio-visual broadcasting of meetings and hearings.

Meeting Date	Activity	Mr C Whiting MP	Mr J McDonald MP	Mr D Brown MP	Mr M Hart MP	Mr R Katter MP	Mr T Smith MP
8 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
10 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
10 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
24 July 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
24 July 2024	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 July 2024	PrM	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
6 August 2024	PrM	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
19 August 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
9 September 2024	PrM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 September 2024	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Legend: PrM private meeting PB public briefing
 PrB private briefing PH public hearing
 PrH private hearing

Business Committee

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Committee responsibilities

The Business Committee (the committee) is established by Sessional Order 3:

- 1) *A Business Committee comprising the following members is established:*
 - a) *the Leader of the House (or alternate);*
 - b) *Premier (or alternate);*
 - c) *the Manager of Opposition Business (or alternate); and*
 - d) *the cross-bench member nominated by the cross-bench.*
- 2) *The role of the Business Committee is to discuss how the House will deal with business.*
- 3) *Any decisions made by the Business Committee in accordance with (2) are not binding on the House and a Business program motion in accordance with 4 is required.*
- 4) *In this Sessional Order “alternate”, in relation to a member, has the same meaning as in section 81 of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 (POQA).*
- 5) *At a meeting of the Business Committee a quorum is the Leader of the House (or alternate) and one other member.*
- 6) *A meeting of the Business Committee is chaired by the Leader of the House (or alternate).*

Section 108 of the POQA requires the chairperson of each parliamentary committee to table in the Legislative Assembly a report about that committee’s activities during the year. The annual report must include:

- a) *a list of meetings of the committee and the names of members attending or absent from each meeting; and*
- b) *a summary of issues considered by the committee, including a description of the more significant issues arising from the considerations; and*
- c) *a statement of the committee’s revenue and spending for the year; and*
- d) *a brief description of responses by Ministers to recommendations of the committee.*

Summary of issues

This report summarises the committee’s activities from 1 July 2024 to 1 October 2024 (the date of dissolution of the 57th Parliament).

The committee met two times, on the Monday of a sitting week, to consider the business to be considered by the House each sitting week and the allocation of times. The committee’s work results in the Business Program motion which may be moved pursuant to Sessional Order 4.

No Ministerial responses to the committee’s work were required.

Committee expenditure

The committee had no revenue or expenditure during the reporting period.

Staffing costs are met from existing resources.

Committee membership

Hon Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Energy and Clean Economy Jobs, Leader of the House and Member for Springwood (Chair)

Mr Linus Power MP, Member for Logan (Premier's alternate and Deputy Chair)

Mr Andrew Powell MP, Manager of Opposition Business and Member for Glass House (Manager of Opposition Business)

Ms Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa (Cross-bench nominee)

Meeting attendance record

The table below shows members' attendance at the 2 committee meetings held during the reporting period.

Meeting Date	Hon M de Brenni MP	Mr L Power MP	Mr A Powell MP	Ms S Bolton MP
19 August 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 September 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓