Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2025–26 reporting period

Reporting template for Section 13.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)

Name of Government body Animal Ethics Committee					
Act or instrument	*Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes				
Functions	The Act requires that prior to the use of an animal for scientific purposes, a person must be registered as a scientific user and must gain the approval of an Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) constituted under the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (the Code). The AEC considers applications from departmental staff who seek to conduct activities at departmental sites, co-operator (e.g. private landholder) sites and collaborator (e.g. university) sites. The AEC also considers applications from external applicants wishing to conduct activities involving the use of animals for scientific purposes.				
Achievements	In 2025-26, the AEC assessed 155 new applications, 178 amendment requests and reviewed and assessed 646 reports on animal use from existing applications. This included 369 annual reports, 140 completion reports and 137 adverse event reports which are required by both the Act and the Code and comprise the statutory monitoring obligations of the AEC. The AEC also had responsibility for the ongoing monitoring of active projects by inspecting sites and projects and obtaining other information as needed.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Lex Turner	22	No remuneration (departmental employee)	N/A	$0
22 other AEC members	Various	11	No remuneration (volunteers and departmental employees)	N/A	$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	To ensure a reasonable workload for our AEC volunteers, the AEC is divided into 2 functional committees. Members of each committee attend up to 11 ordinary meetings. Various training events and inspections are conducted and attended where possible.				
Total out of pocket expenses	AEC members external to the government, were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses and incidental expenses were paid. This cost was $5,131.49 for 2025-26.				

Name of Government body Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB)					
Act or instrument	*Biosecurity Act 2014*				
Functions	The Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board helps protect Queensland's agricultural land by maintaining the 555 km rabbit barrier fence, preventing the spread of rabbits, and supporting compliance with statutory rabbit control requirements across its operational area.				
Achievements	In 2025-26 the Board adopted a new strategic plan in collaboration with partner local governments				
Financial reporting	Exempted from audit by the Auditor-General. Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Cr Duncan McInnes OAM	5	N/A	N/A	Nil
Deputy Chair	Cr Tim McMahon	5	N/A	N/A	Nil
Director	Cr Kylie Bourne	5	N/A	N/A	Nil
Director	Cr Carla Pidgeon	5	N/A	N/A	Nil
Director	Cr Cheryl Steinharddt	6	N/A	N/A	Nil
Director	Cr Glenn Tozer	6	N/A	N/A	Nil
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	6				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

Name of Government body Office of the Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner	
Act or instrument	*Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner Act 2024*
Functions	The Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner serves as a central point of contact for Queensland farmers, assessing issues, facilitating problem-solving, and providing guidance, recommendations and reports, including thematic reports to the Minister for Primary Industries, to support and strengthen the agricultural sector.
Achievements	In 2025-26, the Food Farmers' Commissioner: • visited farms and food farming enterprises in 12 of Queensland's 77 local government areas • engaged proactively with large retailers and wholesale markets • attended industry meetings and events with peak industry bodies and regional councils • released the 2026-2028 Strategic Direction, focusing on seven food security lenses and fifteen critical inputs aligned to ministerial expectations • made a public submission to the Horticulture Code of Conduct Review, where multiple concerns were raised highlighting the need for further market transparency • held an industry-wide workshop discussing potential fuel disruptions and the impact on the supply chain
Financial reporting	Transactions are accounted for in the DPI Financial Statements 2025-2026.

Remuneration - Not applicable. The Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner is governed by a statutory Commissioner and does not have a board. Accordingly, no board remuneration is paid.

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	N/A				
Total out of pocket expenses	N/A				

Name of Government body *Queensland Racing Appeals Panel*					
Act or instrument	*Racing Integrity Act 2016*				
Functions	To hear and decide applications for review of a racing steward. Any other function given to the Panel under the Act or any other Act.				
Achievements	In 2025-26 a total of **62** applications for a review of decisions made by racing stewards were lodged with **51** matters decided and **3** appeals lodged with QCAT against a Panel decision. Cases addressed by the Panel included matters involving disqualification actions and considerations such as animal welfare and substance abuse, and resolution of legal arguments requiring the preparation of detailed, well-considered written decisions.				
Financial reporting	The Panel is part of the Department of Primary Industries for the purposes of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*.				
Remuneration					
Position	**Name**	**Sessions claimed** (each session is equal to four hour or part thereof)	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chairperson	Kerry O'Brien	135	$800 per session	N/A	$108,000
Chairperson (Incumbent)	Peter McDermott	59	$800 per session	N/A	$47,200
Deputy Chairperson	Dianne Condon	19.5	$400 per session	N/A	$9,800
Deputy Chairperson	Richard Oliver	22	$400 per session	N/A	$16,000
Deputy Chairperson	Juanita Maiden	28	$400 per session	N/A	$11,200
Deputy Chairperson	Megan Brooks	10	$400 per session	N/A	$4,000
Panel Member	Leonard Dittman	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Alicia Fuller	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Ben Ahern	5	$400 per session	N/A	$2,000
Panel Member	Lyndsey Hicks	41	$400 per session	N/A	$16,400
Panel Member	Michael Kerr	4	$400 per session	N/A	$1,600
Panel Member	Jacqui King	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Damien MacGinley	4	$400 per session	N/A	$1,600
Panel Member	John McCoy	29	$400 per session	N/A	$11,600
Panel Member	Julie Mitchell	6	$400 per session	N/A	$2,400
Panel Member	Joan Norton	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Julie Overell	24	$400 per session	N/A	$9,600
Panel Member	Jo Shepherd	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Angela Tim So	1	$400 per session	N/A	$400
Panel Member	Ken Waller	24	$400 per session	N/A	$9,600
Panel Member	Edwin Wilkinson	40.5	$400 per session	N/A	$16,200
Panel Member	Patrick Cullinane	3	$400 per session	N/A	$1,200

Panel Member	Daryl Kays	12	$400 per session	N/A	$4,800
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	62 matters were considered by the Racing Appeals Panel, and a total of 472 session fees claimed.				
Total out of pocket expenses	$999.12				

Name of Government body *Queensland Racing Integrity Commission*					
Act or instrument	Racing Integrity Act 2016				
Functions	The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) regulates and oversees the integrity of Queensland's racing industry by licensing participants, monitoring compliance, investigating breaches, and safeguarding the welfare of racing animals				
Achievements	During 2025–26, QRIC delivered significant integrity and welfare outcomes, including increased testing and veterinary oversight at major racing events, implementation of advanced race-day technologies, and a record 379 retired greyhounds successfully rehomed through the Greyhound Adoption Program				
Financial reporting	Not exempted from audit by the Auditor-General. Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair (external)	Sue Ryan	4	$2,000 per meeting (Excl. GST)	N/A	$8,000
Chair (external)	Sandie Argus	4	$1,200 per meeting (Excl. GST)	N/A	$4,800
External Member	John Walsh	5	$1,000 per meeting (Excl. GST)	N/A	$5,000
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	5				
Total out of pocket expenses	$17,800				

Name of Government body *Safe Food Production Queensland*	
Act or instrument	*Food Production (Safety) Act 2000*
Functions	Safe Food Production Queensland regulates the safety of Queensland's primary produce, including meat, eggs, dairy, seafood and horticulture products (Seed Sprouts), to protect public health and maintain confidence in the food supply. It does this through accreditation, auditing, compliance monitoring and food safety regulation
Achievements	During the year, Safe Food Production Queensland continued to regulate, monitor and support Queensland's food production sectors through a risk-based approach focused on food safety, public confidence and continuous improvement. A key achievement was the successful implementation of the Safe Food Hub, our new digital operational platform. This investment provides a modern foundation for regulatory delivery, improving information management, regulatory oversight, reporting and analytics, while enhancing services for industry and staff. The year also marked significant progress in designing Safe Food Queensland's future operating model. This work will support a more contemporary, intelligence-led and proportionate approach to regulation, enabling us to better target regulatory effort, strengthen compliance outcomes and ease the regulatory impost on business. To support this transformation, we progressed initiatives to strengthen our data, information management and analytics capabilities. These capabilities will improve evidence-based decision-making, provide greater visibility of emerging risks and trends, and support more effective allocation of regulatory resources. Throughout this period of change, Safe Food Queensland continued to deliver its core regulatory functions with minimal disruption. This achievement reflects the professionalism, adaptability, and commitment of our staff, as well as the ongoing support of industry, stakeholders, government partners and the Board. Our regulatory performance, including the continuing low number of compliance and enforcement activities required, demonstrates the commitment of a vast majority of accredited businesses to ensuring compliance with food safety requirements. As we look ahead, Safe Food Queensland remains committed to modernising its regulatory approach, strengthening its use of data and technology, and ensuring Queensland's food production industries remain among the safest and most trusted in the world. The progress achieved during 2025–26 provides a strong foundation for the future and positions Safe Food Queensland to continue delivering on its legislative mandate with confidence, capability and purpose.
Financial reporting	In accordance with the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, Safe Food Production Queensland's Chief Executive Officer has provided the Queensland Audit Office with a statement of assurance that the agency's financial internal controls are operating efficiently, effectively and economically. The agency actively manages its financial risks and liabilities and has met its objectives as outlined in the strategic plan. QAO has audited the agency and approved the financial statements. Safe Food Production Queensland's financial performance and financial position, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, is considered good and the details are available in the agency's financial statements.

Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair (Board)	Elizabeth Homer	1 meeting 0 sessions	$650 (>4 hours) $325 (<4 hours)	N/A	Nil
Former Chair (Board)	Debra Lee Best	3 meetings 0 sessions	$650.00 (>4 hours) $325.00 (<4 hours)	N/A	$1,950.00
Director (Board)	Elizabeth Homer	3 meetings 0 sessions	$500.00 (>4 hours) $250.00 (<4 hours)	N/A	$1,500.00

Chair (Audit and Risk Committee)	Elizabeth Homer	2 sessions 4 QAO advisory sessions	$650.00 (>4 hours) $325.00 (<4 hours)	N/A	$2,925.00
Director (Board / Audit and Risk)	Lynne Sutherland	2 meetings 2 sessions	$500.00 (>4 hours) $250.00 (<4 hours)	N/A	$1,500.00**
Director (Board / Audit and Risk)	Katrina Platt	1 meeting 2 sessions, 3 QAO Advisory sessions	$500.00 (>4 hours) $250.00 (<4 hours)	N/A	$1,750.00
Director	Bernadette Ditchfield	0 meetings 0 sessions	N/A	N/A	N/A
Director	John Piispanen	2 meetings 0 sessions	N/A	N/A	N/A
Director	Ashley Bacon	2 meetings 0 sessions	N/A	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	4 Board Attendances (4 Board meetings & 1 Planning Day) / 2 Audit and Risk Management sessions				
Total out of pocket expenses	$2,810				
Directors are paid 17.5% superannuation on all fees received * Excludes payment for June Board Meeting, payment processed in July 2025. ** Exclude payment for Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting, payment processed in July 2025					

Name of Government body Sustainable Fisheries Expert Panel					
Act or instrument	*Fisheries Act 1994*				
Functions	The purpose of the Sustainable Fisheries Expert Panel is to provide independent expert advice to the Minister responsible for fisheries and to Fisheries Queensland on best practice fisheries management and implementation of the Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017–2027. The Sustainable Fisheries Strategy is now redundant and has been replaced by the Queensland fishing and seafood actions under the *Primary Industries Prosper 2050* blueprint The Expert Panel is a non-statutory advisory body. It is not a decision-making body.				
Achievements	Provided expert advice on the *Primary Industries Prosper 2050* blueprint and Queensland fishing and seafood actions, and east coast Spanish mackerel fishery management arrangements.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements.				
Remuneration N/A					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	2				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

Name of Government body Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland					
Act or instrument	*Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936*				
Functions	The Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland has the sole legislative responsibility for the regulation of veterinary science in Queensland. The Board is responsible for the registration of veterinarians and veterinary specialists and approval of veterinary premises. The Board also administers the disciplinary provisions of the Act in respect of professional misconduct by registrants and the performance of prohibited practices by non-registered persons.				
Achievements	At the conclusion of the 2025-26 period, there was a total of 4312 veterinary surgeons, 175 of whom were veterinary specialists. The Board met 10 times to: - consider 90 new complaints and notifications made to the Board - consider 25 ongoing complaints and notifications - conduct 9 misconduct hearings - assess 453 veterinary surgeon registration applications - assess 116 new applications for the use of a premises as a veterinary premises - resolve issues relating to policy, governance and legislative matters.				
Financial reporting	The Board is part of the Department of Primary Industries for the purposes of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009.*				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Dr David Thomson	10	No remuneration	N/A	$0
Deputy Chair	Professor Margaret Reilly	10	$400 daily + $200 special assignment	N/A	$7,404
Member	Eileen Thumpkin	10	$400 daily + $200 special assignment	N/A	$7,600
Member	Dr Terence King	10	$400 daily + $200 special assignment	N/A	$7,000
Member	Dr Graham Lauridsen	9	$400 daily + $200 special assignment	N/A	$7,000
Member	Dr Ian Gallagher	8	$400 daily + $200 special assignment	N/A	$5,800
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	10 (including 1 teleconference meeting)				
Total out of pocket expenses	$37,996.07				