

A. Full responses from entities

As mandated in Section 64 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, the Queensland Audit Office gave a copy of this report with a request for comments to the:

- Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities
- Under Treasurer, Queensland Treasury
- directors-general of the 20 government departments
- accountable officer for Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority.

We also provided a copy of this report to the Premier and Minister for Trade; Treasurer and Minister for Investment; and Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet with an invitation to respond.

This appendix contains the formal responses that we received.

The heads of these entities are responsible for the accuracy, fairness, and balance of their comments.



Comments received from Director-General, Department of Education



Office of the
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Department of
Education

22 DEC 2020

Mr Brendan Worrall
Auditor-General
Email: gao@qao.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Worrall *Brendan*

Thank you for your email dated 1 December 2020 enclosing a draft copy of your report titled *State entities 2020* for my comments prior to tabling in Parliament next year.

I appreciate the opportunity to make comments and provide feedback. After consideration, I accept the report as it appears in your draft.

In particular, I note the content of the report and your recommendations and the Department of Education will implement these recommendations, where required.

The department's Audit and Risk Management Committee will monitor any required actions to address your recommendations.

Should your officers wish to discuss this matter further, I invite them to contact [REDACTED]

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Comments received from Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services



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Ref: QCS-05041-2020

13 JAN 2021

Mr Brendan Worrall
Auditor-General
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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for your email of 1 December 2020 about the proposed *State Entities 2020* report to Parliament.

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) acknowledges the proposed report and appreciates the opportunity to review. QCS has no specific feedback other than to confirm our commitment to further assess insights and recommendations made within the proposed and final report in order to continue to strengthen our own internal control environment.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED]

I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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Comments received from Director-General, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs



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Our reference: CYJMA 06446-2020

15 January 2021

Mr Brendan Worrall
Auditor-General
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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your report regarding the 2019–20 financial audits of Queensland state government entities.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs remains committed to continually improving its annual financial reporting processes as evidenced by the financial statement preparation maturity assessment and an unqualified audit result.

I note that your report includes seven recommendations for all state entities to consider. The department will review each of these recommendations and existing internal controls to identify if further action is required. The results of this analysis will be reported to the department's Audit and Risk Committee.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Comments received from Director-General, Department of Employment, Small Business and Training



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27 JAN 2021

Our Ref: 03252/20

Mr Brendan Worrall
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Dear Mr Worrall

Brendan

Thank you for your email dated 1 December 2020 regarding the State Entities 2020 proposed report to Parliament.

Following a review of the report, I accept its findings and recommendations and thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. The report provides useful information that my department will use to focus on further strengthening security of information systems and internal controls.

Should you require any further information, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Comments received from Under Treasurer, Queensland Treasury



Queensland Treasury

Our Ref: 05889-2020

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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for your email of 1 December 2020 and draft report to Parliament on State entities' financial statements for 2020.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on your report before its tabling.

I note your recommendations on pages 3 and 4 of the report and will bring these to the attention of Treasury's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

In relation to **Recommendation 2 Improve timeliness of financial statements being made publicly available**, Treasury undertakes to communicate to Chief Finance Officers encouraging them to table their departmental annual reports at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting for the legislative deadline of 30 September.

If you require any further information, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Hunter".

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Under Treasurer

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