

Integrity Committee Meeting

Friday 23 February 2018

Office of the Integrity Commissioner

Level 13, 53 Albert Street Brisbane

Attendees:	Nikola Stepanov	Integrity Commissioner (meeting Chair)
	Brendan Worrall	Auditor-General
	Jess Wellard	Acting Deputy Ombudsman
	Rob Setter	Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission
	Alan MacSporran QC	Chair, Crime and Corruption Commission
	Rachael Rangihaeata	Information Commissioner
Secretariat:	Chanda George	Executive Officer to the Integrity Commissioner
Apologies:	Phil Clarke	Ombudsman

MATTERS DISCUSSED

General Update

Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

- Ministerial staff training aimed at establishing a strong framework to optimise relationships between departments, improve accountabilities, ethics and record keeping.
- This term's priorities will have a strong focus on outcomes and will be monitored regularly.
- Six Directors-General will be recruited as a result of Machinery of Government. Portfolios will have a strong ministerial lead.
- Social and skills agenda – critical/ important

Chair, Crime and Corruption Commission

- Reconfiguring the operational model of CCC with the entire agency resources utilised to make decisions creating greater transparency within the agency.

Information Commissioner

- Strategic review of the office.
- Biometric identity matching bill before parliament. This will facilitate the amendment of a couple of bills. Submissions due Monday 26.
- Cybersecurity audit upcoming.

Auditor-General

- Restructure of executive set up.
- There has been six financial and performance reports recently tabled in parliament.
- Local governments audit report soon to be tabled with an increase in significant deficiencies identified on internal controls. It has also been identified that Agencies aren't as prepared for fraud but the State sector has more of a handle on internal controls than the local government sector.
- The report on the results of local government audits to be tabled in March.

- In the process of consulting on the Performance Audit Strategic Audit Plan 2018-2021 – expect to table in March.

Acting Deputy Ombudsman

- Strategic review was tabled 15 February 2018.
- 72 recommendations were made by the reviewer with the majority of them relating to legislation.

Integrity Commissioner

- More than 5,000 designated persons are covered by the *Integrity Act 2009*.
- Hon. Sterling Hinchliffe, Minister for Local Government, nominated all Queensland Local Mayors and councillors be considered ‘designated persons’ and thus able to seek advice. Minister Hinchliffe also actioned a second function- to raise public awareness to ensure behaviour of public officials is legal, in the best interests of the communities they serve, and above all ethical.
- Hon. Steven Miles, Minister for Health & Minister for Ambulance, also nominated four classes of persons from Health and Qld Ambulance Service.
- Raising public awareness of ethics and integrity issues, by contributing to public discussion, is one of the four statutory functions of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner.
- A number of public lectures planned across Queensland as well as roundtable sessions

General business

- Circulating Expressions of Interest for roles within IC agencies has been well received and beneficial.
- Racing integrity commissioner to be invited to join this committee. The Integrity Commissioner will extend the invitation.
- Public notes from IC meetings will be published on the Integrity Commissioner’s website.

NEXT MEETING:

- May 2018