Queensland Integrity Commissioner

Statement of Affairs January 2015

Structure

The Integrity Commissioner is an officer of the Queensland Parliament who is independent and whose functions are set out in the *Integrity Act 2009*.

The Integrity Commissioner reports to a parliamentary committee, the Finance and Administration Committee.

Functions

The Integrity Commissioner has the following functions:

- (a) to give written advice to a designated person on ethics or integrity issues
- (b) to meet with, and give written or oral advice to, members of the Legislative Assembly
- (c) to keep the lobbyists register and have responsibility for the registration of lobbyists
- (d) to raise public awareness of ethics or integrity issues by contributing to public discussion of these issues relevant to the integrity commissioner's functions.

The "designated persons" to whom the Integrity Commissioner may provide advice are:

- (a) a member of the Legislative Assembly
- (b) a statutory office holder
- (c) a chief executive of a department of government or a public service office
- (d) a senior executive or senior officer
- (e) a chief executive of, or a senior officer equivalent employed in, a government entity who is nominated by the Minister responsible for administering the entity
- (f) a ministerial staff member who gives, or a person engaged to give, advice to a Minister
- (g) an Assistant Minister staff member who gives, or a person engaged to give, advice to an Assistant Minister

and such other people as are nominated by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

Documents held by the Integrity Commissioner

The documents held by the Commissioner are relevant Acts of Parliament, Codes of Conduct, correspondence, lectures, papers, annual reports and information sheets and confidential correspondence including declarations of interest of chief executives.

The papers relevant to the Commissioner's integrity functions are not accessible under the Right to Information Act. Additionally, the Commissioner maintains the Lobbyists Register, which is available on this website. Forms associated with the Lobbyists Register are also available on this website.

The Queensland Integrity Commissioner does not provide subscription services or free mailing lists. Material is available on the website.

No boards, councils, committees or other bodies constituted by two or more persons have been established for the purpose of advising the Queensland Integrity Commissioner.

The Queensland Integrity Commissioner does not keep documents concerning the personal affairs of members of the community, except when such matters are disclosed as a basis for seeking confidential advice. The person whose affairs are so disclosed has the opportunity to ensure that they are accurately disclosed before advice is given.

Requests for confidential advice on conflicts of interest are made in writing. If a designated person wishes to amend the personal affairs disclosed in such application, that should be done in writing addressed to:

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