

QUEENSLAND INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK IDENTIFYING EDUCATION PRIORITIES

1 April 2016 – 30 June 2017

In its report *Inquiry into the Report on the Strategic Review of the functions of the Integrity Commissioner*,¹ the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Integrity Commissioner develop a strategic framework which identifies education priorities.²

In making this recommendation, the Committee observed:

The Committee agrees with the position of the current Integrity Commissioner that the public awareness function should be limited to ethics or integrity issues more directly relevant to the advisory and lobbyist functions. The Committee is of the view that entering into general public discussion and commentary on integrity issues may diminish the role of the Integrity Commissioner and compromise the independency (sic) of the position from government and political spheres.³

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Public perceptions of integrity, and indeed appreciation for the systems in place to support integrity directly influence the legitimacy of the government and the parliament. Therefore awareness of the role and functions of the Integrity Commissioner is important not only to designated persons internal to the government and parliament but broadly to all members of the community. The Committee is of the view the education priorities are best settled by the integrity Commissioner and recommends the integrity Commissioner develop and annual education strategy which identifies education priorities.

The following framework has been developed in response to this recommendation and comments, and is intended to cover the first annual period to 30 June 2017.

Target audience	Educational priority	Preferred medium	Timing
Designated persons	Availability of the Integrity Commissioner to provide advice	Face to face contact with Ministers	Annual meeting in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct
		Face to face contact with Directors-General and departmental executive teams	Annual meetings with Directors-General, and as other appropriate opportunities present

¹ Queensland Parliament, Finance and Administration Committee, *Inquiry into the Report on the Strategic Review of the functions of the Integrity Commissioner*, Report No 19, 55th Parliament, December 2015, tabled on 11 December 2015 available at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/FAC/inquiries/current-inquiries/I3-IntegrityCommissionerFunctions>, retrieved on 15 March 2016.

² Recommendation 7.

³ Paragraph 4.1.1.

Designated persons (chief executives, senior executives, senior officers)	Removal of requirement for chief executive authorisation before advice can be sought	TBA	On enactment of necessary legislative changes
Designated persons (those leaving public office)	Changes to eligibility for advice on post separation issues	TBA	On enactment of necessary legislative changes
Lobbyists	The government does not propose to make and changes to the existing regulatory scheme	E-mail to individual lobbyists Publication of relevant reports on Integrity Commissioner website	As soon as convenient As soon as convenient
Lobbyists	Registered lobbyists need to continue to meet registration obligations	E-mail to individual lobbyists Cross –matching [verification] exercise with other sources of information e.g. Ministerial diaries	As soon as convenient March 2017
General public	Awareness of the role and functions of the Integrity Commissioner	Media comment as appropriate on relevant events Twitter feed??	As appropriate As soon as convenient

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