

## Department of Agriculture and Fisheries 2020–21

### Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2020–21 reporting period – Section 13.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)

<b>Name of Government body</b> Animal Ethics Committee					
Act or instrument	<i>Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</i> <i>Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes</i>				
Functions	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The AEC also considers applications from external applicants wishing to conduct activities involving the use of animals for scientific purposes.</p>				
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to assessing 170 new applications throughout 2020–21, the AEC reviewed and assessed 589 reports on animal use from existing applications. This included 336 annual reports, 155 completion reports and 98 adverse event reports which are required by both the Act and the Code and comprises 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.</li> <li>The AEC also assessed amendment requests to approved projects. Amendment requests may range from minor to major alterations to a project's approval. Throughout the reporting period 152 amendment requests were assessed by the AEC.</li> </ul>				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
<b>Remuneration</b>					
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 two functional committees. Members of each committee attend 11 ordinary meetings for a total of 22 ordinary meetings for the whole AEC. Various training events and inspections are conducted and attended where possible.				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

<b>Name of Government body</b> Sustainable Fisheries Expert Panel					
Act or instrument	<i>Fisheries Act 1994</i>				
Functions	<p>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 <i>Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017–2027</i>.</p> <p>The Expert Panel is a non-statutory advisory body. It is not a decision-making body.</p>				
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided advice to government on the implementation of the <i>Sustainable fisheries strategy 2017–2027</i> including key policies on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' use of fisheries resources for commercial fishing development, draft harvest strategies, fishery reforms, individual transferable quota allocation models and Ecological Risk Assessments.</li> <li>• Developed a communique for public release following each meeting to support transparent decision making and stakeholder engagement, which are key areas of reform under the <i>Sustainable fisheries strategy 2017–2027</i>.</li> </ul>				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
<b>Remuneration</b>					
Position	Name	Meetings / sessions / attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Ian Tibbetts	1.5 days	No remuneration. (As per negotiations with his employer, the University of Queensland, payment for attendance will be covered by his usual salary.)	N/A	0
Member	Catherine Dichmont	1.5 days	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$450
Member	Ian Cartwright	1.5 days	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$450
Member	Sean Pascoe	1.5 days	No remuneration. (As per negotiations with his employer, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, payment for attendance will be covered by his usual salary.)	N/A	0
Member	Daryl McPhee	1.5 days	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$450
Member	Michelle Heupel	1.5 days	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$450
Member	Natalie Stockel	1.5 days	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$450
Member	Bronwyn Gillanders	0	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	<p>Only one paid meeting was held in 2020-21. One half-day meeting was held on 14 July 2020 via teleconference as well as a one-day document review. No other expenses were paid as meetings were via teleconference and email.</p> <p>A further one-hour teleconference was held on 28 June 2021. However, as the meeting was brief and via teleconference, sitting fees were not paid in 2020–21 and there were no other expenses.</p>				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

<b>Name of Government body</b> Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland					
Act or instrument	<i>Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936</i>				
Functions	To exercise and discharge the powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed upon it under the Act and subordinate legislation, including registration of veterinary surgeons and veterinary specialists and administration of the disciplinary provisions. It also acts in the public interest on consumer protection and animal welfare in the delivery of veterinary services.				
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2020-21 registrations totalled 3553 veterinary surgeons, 132 of which were veterinary specialists.</li> <li>• The Board met 12 times to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consider 103 complaint cases and 20 notifications</li> <li>- conduct 13 misconduct hearings</li> <li>- assess 61 new applications for use of premises as veterinary premises</li> <li>- resolve issues relating to policy, governance, and legislative matters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Financial reporting	The Board is part of the department for the purposes of the <i>Financial Accountability Act 2009</i> .				
<b>Remuneration</b>					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Dr Fiona Thompson	13	No remuneration	No remuneration	\$0
Deputy Chair	Professor Nigel Pekins	13	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$5000
Member	Dr David Thomson	13	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$5000
Member	Eileen Thumpkin	13	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$5200
Member	Dr Philip Moses	12	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$4600
Member	Dr Margaret Reilly	13	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$5200
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	13				
Total out of pocket expenses	Travel – \$3979 Catering/venue hire – \$3019 <b>Total – \$6998</b>				

<b>Name of Government body</b> Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Council					
Act or instrument	Established by the Minister under Terms of Reference, with the support of the Premier				
Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide leadership for the development, implementation, and monitoring of action plans under the <i>Queensland biosecurity strategy 2018-2023</i>.</li> <li>• Provide advice to the Minister on the performance of the biosecurity system within Queensland.</li> <li>• Engage with relevant stakeholders to develop positions which reflect Queensland's interests in the reform of the National Biosecurity System and its underpinning Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity.</li> <li>• Consider other issues referred by the Minister or raised by members of Biosecurity Queensland</li> </ul>				
Achievements	Provision of advice regarding the mid-term review of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2014</i> , including on the establishment of the Biosecurity Partners Forum as a vehicle for this review.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
<b>Remuneration</b>					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Mr Scott Spencer	4	\$520 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Dr Rachel McFadyen	3	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Ms Janine Clark	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Ms Michelle McKinlay	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Prof Maxine Whittaker	4	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr Will Wilson	4	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr Aaron Dodd	2	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr John Coward	4	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr Peter Black	4	\$400 daily fee	N/A	
Member	Ms Kim Hooper	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Ex-Officio	Mr Malcolm Letts	4	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	4				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$0				

<b>Name of Government body</b> Animal Welfare Advisory Board					
Act or instrument	<i>Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</i>				
Functions	Provide the Minister with expert and impartial advice on animal welfare issues to improve the welfare of animals in Queensland including issues associated with the development and promotion of codes of practice for the humane treatment of animals on farm, in transport and at point of slaughter.				
Achievements	The Animal Welfare Advisory Board has contributed to the review of the <i>Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</i> and continues to provide expert and impartial advice on animal welfare issues referred to it.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements.				
<b>Remuneration</b>					
Members do not receive remuneration for attendance at meetings. However, in accordance with the Queensland Government Remuneration Procedures for Part-time Chairs and Members of Queensland Government Bodies, members are reimbursed for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred while travelling on business and attending meetings. The 2020–21 budget for the Animal Welfare Advisory Board is \$25 720.					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Professor Clive Phillips	4	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Dr Marie Mangelsdorf	2	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mrs Marion Norrie	0	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mr Anthony Struss	3	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mr Mark Townend	4	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Dr John Walthall	4	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Ex-Officio	Dr Allison Crook	4	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	4 meetings (25 August 2020, 15 December 2020, 30 March 2021 and 10 May 2021)				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$0 (all meetings conducted virtually)				