

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries 2022–23

Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2022–23 reporting period – Section 13.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)

Name of Government body Queensland Racing Appeals Panel					
Act or instrument	<i>Racing Integrity Act 2016</i>				
Functions	To hear and decide applications for review of a racing steward. Any other function given to the Panel under the Act or any other Act.				
Achievements	The Panel commenced on 31 March 2023.				
Financial reporting	The Panel is part of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for the purposes of the <i>Financial Accountability Act 2009</i> .				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings / sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chairperson	Kerry O'Brien AM	42	\$800 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$33,600
Deputy Chairperson	Dianne Condon	10	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours Payable at Chairperson rate when acting as Chairperson	N/A	\$4,000
Deputy Chairperson	Peter O'Neill	33	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours Payable at Chairperson rate when acting as Chairperson	N/A	\$21,200
Panel member	Martin Einfeld KC	9 Sessional Fees 3 Significant Travel ¹	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$4,200
Panel member	Juanita Maiden	7	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$2,800
Panel member	Darren Guppy	11	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$4,400
Panel member	Patrick Cullinane KC	4 Sessional Fees 2 Significant Travel ²	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$2,000
Panel member	Brian Stewart	0	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$0

Remuneration (continued)					
Position	Name	Meetings / sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Panel member	Lyndsey Hicks	4	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$1,600
Panel member	Daryl Kays	7	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$2,800
Panel member	John McCoy OAM	9	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$3,600
Panel member	Julianne Overell	6	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$2,400
Panel member	William (Ken) Waller	3 Sessional fees 3 Significant Travel ¹	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$1,800
Panel member	Edwin Wilkinson	9	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$3,600
Panel member	Sky Bogenhuber	2 Sessional fees 1 Significant Travel ³	\$400 per session or meeting of up to 4 hours	N/A	\$1,000
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	156 Sessional fees in total 9 Significant Travel fees in total				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$89,000				

Note:

1. 50% of 1 sessional fee (\$200) paid 3 times for significant travel
2. 50% of 1 sessional fee (\$200) paid twice for significant travel
3. 50% of 1 sessional fee (\$200) paid once for significant travel

Name of Government body Animal Ethics Committee					
Act or instrument	<i>Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</i> Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes				
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"> In addition to assessing 171 new applications throughout 2022–23, the AEC reviewed and assessed 569 reports on animal use from existing applications. This included 333 annual reports, 147 completion reports and 89 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. The AEC also assessed 154 amendment requests to approved projects throughout 2022–23. Amendment requests may range from minor to major alterations to a project's approval. 				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Lex Turner	21	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 2 functional committees. Members of each committee attend 11 ordinary meetings for a total of 21 ordinary meetings for the whole AEC. Various training events and inspections are conducted and attended where possible.				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

Name of Government body Sustainable Fisheries Expert Panel					
Act or instrument	Fisheries Act 1994				
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"> • Provided advice to government on the implementation of the <i>Sustainable fisheries strategy 2017–2027</i> including key objectives such as harvest strategy development, independent data validation, and the implementation of a commercial fishing app. • 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>. 				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings / sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Professor Ian Tibbetts	7.5 days including attendance at working groups and additional work	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	Dr Catherine Dichmont	7 days including preparation time	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$2,100
Member	Ian Cartwright	8.5 days including approved preparation days and additional work	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$2,550
Member	Dr Sean Pascoe	2.5 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	Dr Daryl McPhee	8 days including preparation days and approved additional work	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$2,400
Member	Dr Natalie Stoeckl	4 days including 2 days attendance at working groups	\$300 daily sitting fee	N/A	\$1,200

No. scheduled meetings/ sessions	<p>In the 2022 portion of the 2022–23 financial year, there were 4 sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a short teleconference • a half-day (4 hour) online meeting. • a 90 minute online follow up to the previous meeting • a 2-day face to face meeting. <p>In the 2023 portion of the 2022–23 financial year there were 2 sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 1-hour online meeting • a 1.5-day face-to-face meeting. <p>Fees for some of the shorter/online sessions were not claimed.</p>
Total out of pocket expenses	<p>Nil</p>

Name of Government body Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland					
Act or instrument	Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936				
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"> • In 2022-23 registrations totalled 3,856 veterinary surgeons, 157 of whom were veterinary specialists. • The Board met 21 times to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider 85 complaint cases and 2 notifications - conduct 7 misconduct hearings - assess 102 new applications for use of premises as veterinary premises - resolve issues relating to policy, governance, and legislative matters. 				
Financial reporting	The Board is part of the department for the purposes of the <i>Financial Accountability Act 2009</i> .				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Dr Fiona Thompson	19	No remuneration	No remuneration	\$0
Deputy Chair	Professor Margaret Reilly	17	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$5,600
Member	Eileen Thumpkin	21	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$6,400
Member	Dr Terence King	20	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$6,200
Member	Dr Graham Lauridsen	5	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$1,600
Member	Dr Ian Gallagher	3	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$1,000
Member	Dr David Thompson	1	\$400 daily + \$200 special assignment	No remuneration	\$400
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	21				
Total out of pocket expenses	Travel – \$14,489 Catering/venue hire – \$3,678 Total – \$18,167				

Name of Government body 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"> • Provide leadership for the development, implementation, and monitoring of action plans under the <i>Queensland biosecurity strategy 2018-2023</i>. • Provide advice to the Minister on the performance of the biosecurity system within Queensland. • 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. • Consider other issues referred by the Minister or raised by members of Biosecurity Queensland. 				
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshopped with Plant Health Australia (PHA) methods to meet biosecurity challenges relevant to PHA and its role as custodian of the Exotic Plant Pest Response Deed. • As custodians of the <i>Queensland biosecurity strategy 2024–2029</i>, the Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Council focussed on the refresh of the strategy including integration of monitoring and evaluation from the outset. • Members played a significant role at the Queensland Biosecurity Partners' Forum including participating in the design of the program, delivering presentations, and facilitating workshops. • Noted and accepted the Invasive Plants and Animals Committee (IPAC) report and noted the IPAC's five-year strategy to be aligned to the Queensland Biosecurity Strategy. 				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Mr Scott Spencer	3	\$520 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Dr Rachel McFadyen	3	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$800
Member	Dr Lawrie Dowling	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Ms Michelle McKinlay	2	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Prof Maxine Whittaker	2	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Cr Christine Rolfe	2	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Belinda Callanan	1	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr John Coward	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Member	Mr Peter Black	2	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$1,200
Member	Dr Susan Hester	1	\$400 daily fee	N/A	\$0
Member	Ms Kim Hooper	1	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
Ex-Officio	Mr Malcolm Letts / Dr Rachel Chay	3	No remuneration	N/A	\$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	3				
Total out of pocket expenses	Nil				

Name of Government body 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.				
Remuneration					
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 2022–23 budget for the Animal Welfare Advisory Board was \$29,023.					
Position	Name	Meetings/ sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub- committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Professor Clive Phillips	6	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mr Anthony (Bim) Struss	5	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Dr Mandy Paterson	6	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mr John Coward	6	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Dr Katrina Whitting	6	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Dr Sandra Baxendell	6	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Ms Tracy-Lynne Geysen (<i>resigned 5 January 2023</i>)	2	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Ex-Officio	Dr Allison Crook	4	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
No. scheduled meetings/ sessions	6 meetings: 14 July 2022, 6 October 2022, 15 December 2022, 2 February 2023, 23 March 2023 and 18 May 2023.				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$1,257.92 (catering – paid by the department)				

Name of Government body Native Timber Advisory Panel					
Act or instrument	The functions of the Native Timber Advisory Panel are advisory only. The panel is non-statutory and is not a decision-making body.				
Functions	To provide advice to the Queensland Government on policy options and implications for moving towards a sustainable future for the native timber industry as part of the Government's Native Timber Action Plan.				
Achievements	The independent chair of the panel has provided a report for Government consideration which summarises the panel's views and submissions. This report includes substantial and valuable information that assisted in informing the Queensland Government's consideration of potential policy options.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the department's financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions/attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Alan Feely	1	\$6,000 pa (ex GST)	No Remuneration	\$6,000 (ex GST)
Member	Virginia Young	1	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Brendan Mackey	0	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Leann Wilson	0	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Mick Stephens	1	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	John McNamara	1	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Sean Ryan	1	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Laura Gowdie	1 proxy	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Aila Keto	1	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Curly Tatnell	1 proxy	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
Member	Laura Hahn	1 proxy	No Remuneration	No Remuneration	\$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	One meeting in September 2022				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$6,000 (ex GST)				