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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly**

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Dear Mr Cocks

I refer to your request dated 29 May 2025 for information about transparency arrangements for Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. I apologise for the delay in response.

- **What transparency arrangements are in place for Members? (these may include publication of diaries, staffing expenditure, travel, a register of interests, or any other measures)**

Chapter 4, Part 2A of the Parliament of Queensland Act requires the establishment of a Register of Members' Interest and a Register of Related Persons' Interest. These registers are maintained by a Registrar (the Clerk of the Parliament). Schedule 2 to the *Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly* provide detailed information as to the requirements for statements of interests, registers, complaints, and enforcement.

The registers seek to provide information which might be thought by others to affect a member's public duties, or to influence their speeches or votes in the Assembly. The registers are open to the public.

All Members of Parliament are required to register their interests on an ongoing basis.

All Members' travel is reported on publicly each year, in a report tabled in the Parliament.

Each Member is also provided with an Electorate and Communication Allowance. The allowance is paid directly to the Member in advance bi-annually. In September each year a summary report is tabled in Parliament of expenditure by each Member.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland maintains an electronic disclosure system, for real-time reporting donations of political donations to parties, members and candidates, under the [Electoral Act 1992](#) (Qld). Further information is available here: [Disclosure of political donations and electoral expenditure | Electoral Commission of Queensland](#).

- **Are arrangements different for executive and non-executive Members?**

In addition to the requirements applying to all Members, Ministers are required to maintain and publish their diaries. Ministerial diaries are published retrospectively on the Cabinet website, with the diary for one month being published at the end of the following month. For example, July diaries are published on the last day of August.

Chiefs of staff are required to proactively disclose on a monthly basis portfolio related meetings with external parties.

For non-Government Leaders (i.e. Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader) Opposition Chief of Staff, and shadow Ministers there is a similar requirement to publish diary entries on a monthly basis via the Parliament's website: [Shadow Minister Diaries | Queensland Parliament](#).

For any meeting with a registered lobbyist or any person working for the lobbyist in any capacity, other than administrative staff, the diary must also include details about all attendees and a short description of the subject matter of the meeting.

Personal, electorate or party political meetings or events, media events and interviews and information contrary to public interest (e.g. meetings regarding sensitive law enforcement, public safety or whistle-blower matters) are not to be published.

Ministers' and Assistant Ministers' diaries are public records under the [Public Records Act 2023](#).

- **Does your jurisdiction have a register of lobbyists?**

The Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner maintains a lobbying register, listing professional lobbyists who have lobbied:

- the Premier or another Minister
- an Assistant Minister
- a councillor
- a public sector officer
- a ministerial staff member or an Assistant Minister's staff member
- the Leader of the Opposition
- the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and/or
- a staff member in the office of the Leader of the Opposition.

- **Is information publicly available, on a website or on request?**

All of the above are publicly available online.

- **Is there a record of how any transparency arrangements were decided on?**

The report of a 2021 review commissioned by the previous government discusses Queensland's integrity system: [Let the sunshine in: Review of culture and accountability in the Queensland public sector - final report 28 June 2022](#). Pages 17 – 18 discuss the history of the system.

I hope this information is of use.

Yours sincerely



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