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Overview

The Electoral Commission of Queensland's (ECQ) vision is to deliver electoral excellence with integrity for Queensland. The ECQ's purpose is to deliver accessible, fair and transparent electoral services for all Queenslanders.

Contribution to the government's objectives for the community

The department supports the government's objectives for the community¹:

- Good jobs: Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries
- Better services: Deliver even better services right across Queensland
- Great lifestyle: Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow.

Agency service area

The service area within the ECQ aligns with the following departmental objectives:

Agency's objectives	Agency's service area
Trusted to deliver Queensland elections. Increase electoral awareness and participation. Maintain election readiness. Promote and enforce compliance with electoral laws.	Electoral Services Deliver accessible, fair and transparent elections for all Queensland electors that maximise voter participation in adherence to electoral law.

Agency highlights

In 2023–24, the ECQ will:

- deliver the 2024 local government quadrennial elections
- undertake planning and preparation for the 2024 State general election
- implement local government electoral expenditure caps
- continue to deliver actions under the local government engagement strategy to strengthen relationships with Queensland's local government sector
- provide support to the Local Government Change Commission in its reviews of local government boundaries and electoral arrangements referred by the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure.

¹ To find out more, go to www.qld.gov.au and search "Government's objectives for the community."

Budget highlights

In the 2023–24 Queensland Budget, the government is providing:

- funding to facilitate preparations for State and local government elections in 2024
- funding to implement caps on local government electoral expenditure
- funding for ongoing management and support for the Election Management System by the ECQ.

Further information about new policy decisions can be found in *Budget Paper No. 4: Budget Measures*.

Performance statement

Electoral Services

Objective

Deliver accessible, fair and transparent electoral services for all Queensland electors that maximise voter participation in adherence to electoral law.

Description

Electoral Services prepares, plans and delivers impartial state and local government elections in Queensland and regulates the funding and disclosure activities of political parties and candidates participating in these elections. The service area also maintains equitable representation across electoral boundaries through periodic reviews of Queensland electoral district boundaries and assessing proposals for changes to local government boundaries and electoral arrangements. These services are provided to electoral clients and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Electoral Act 1992*, the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*.

Service standards	2022–23 Target/Est.	2022–23 Est. Actual	2023–24 Target/Est.
Effectiveness measures			
Level of informal voting - State general election ¹
Level of informal voting - local government quadrennial elections (Mayoral) ¹	4.5%
Level of stakeholder overall satisfaction with the voting experience - State general election ¹
Level of stakeholder overall satisfaction with the voting experience - local government quadrennial elections ¹	85%
Proportion of disclosure returns audited that are deemed compliant with electoral law	80%	84%	80%
Efficiency measures			
Cost of State general election per elector ¹
Cost of local government quadrennial elections per elector ¹	\$10.48

Note:

- As major State and local government elections do not occur each year, the Target/Estimate and Estimated Actual are only presented as required for the relevant year when the election is held.

Departmental budget summary

The table below shows the total resources available in 2023–24 from all sources and summarises how resources will be applied by service area and by controlled and administered classifications.

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
CONTROLLED			
Income			
Appropriation revenue ¹	44,653	43,041	73,859
Other revenue	30	30	30
Total income	44,683	43,071	73,889
Expenses			
Electoral Services	44,683	43,071	73,889
Total expenses	44,683	43,071	73,889
Operating surplus/deficit	..	..	..
Net assets	27,308	27,337	29,300
ADMINISTERED			
Revenue			
Commonwealth revenue	..	..	..
Appropriation revenue	..	..	..
Other administered revenue	4,429	630	28,267
Total revenue	4,429	630	28,267
Expenses			
Transfers to government	4,429	630	28,267
Administered expenses	..	..	..
Total expenses	4,429	630	28,267
Net assets	..	..	..

Note:

1. Includes State and Australian Government funding.

Staffing

Service area	2022–23 Budget	2022–23 Est. Actual	2023–24 Budget
Electoral Services	81	81	101
Total FTEs	81	81	101

Capital program

The table below shows the capital purchases by the agency in the respective years.

	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
Capital purchases	347	347	2,079
Capital grants	...	...	...
Total capital outlays	347	347	2,079

Further information about the ECQ's capital outlays can be found in *Budget Paper No. 3: Capital Statement*.

Budgeted financial statements

Departmental income statement

Controlled income statement

The budgeted expenses in 2023–24 are \$73.9 million, an increase of \$30.8 million from the 2022–23 Estimated Actual budget of \$43 million. This increase is due to the delivery of local government quadrennial elections in March 2024 and the preparation and planning activities for the State general election in October 2024.

Administered income statement

The budgeted administered expenses in 2023–24 are \$28.3 million, an increase of \$27.6 million from the 2022–23 Estimated Actual budget of \$630,000. This is primarily due to the recovery of costs from councils for the conduct of the 2024 local government quadrennial elections.

Departmental balance sheet

The budgeted receivables in 2023–24 are \$23.3 million due to the recovery of costs from councils for the conduct of the 2024 local government quadrennial elections into the administered account.

Controlled income statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	44,653	43,041	73,859
Taxes	..	..	..
User charges and fees	30	30	30
Royalties and land rents	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distributions from managed funds	..	..	..
Other revenue	..	..	..
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Total income	44,683	43,071	73,889
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses	12,358	12,498	14,455
Supplies and services	31,403	29,651	58,512
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Depreciation and amortisation	860	860	860
Finance/borrowing costs	(33)	(33)	(33)
Other expenses	95	95	95
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Total expenses	44,683	43,071	73,889
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	..	..	..

Controlled balance sheet

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	7,428	11,357	12,068
Receivables	321	530	530
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Inventories	202	185	185
Other	2,091	2,262	2,262
Non-financial assets held for sale	..	..	..
Total current assets	10,042	14,334	15,045
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	..	..	..
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Property, plant and equipment	880	462	463
Intangibles	17,310	17,071	18,322
Other	25	26	26
Total non-current assets	18,215	17,559	18,811
TOTAL ASSETS	28,257	31,893	33,856
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	343	3,948	3,948
Accrued employee benefits	235	258	258
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	(11)	312	312
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total current liabilities	567	4,518	4,518
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	..	..	..
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	382	38	38
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current liabilities	382	38	38
TOTAL LIABILITIES	949	4,556	4,556
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	27,308	27,337	29,300
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	27,308	27,337	29,300

Controlled cash flow statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	44,653	42,926	73,859
User charges and fees	32	32	32
Royalties and land rent receipts	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distribution from managed funds received	..	..	..
Taxes	..	..	..
Other	890	890	890
Outflows:			
Employee costs	(12,358)	(12,498)	(14,455)
Supplies and services	(32,293)	(30,541)	(59,402)
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Borrowing costs	33	33	33
Other	(97)	(97)	(97)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities	860	745	860
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets	..	..	..
Investments redeemed	..	..	..
Loans and advances redeemed	..	..	..
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets	(426)	(426)	(2,079)
Payments for investments	..	..	..
Loans and advances made	..	..	..
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities	(426)	(426)	(2,079)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Borrowings	..	..	..
Equity injections	386	386	2,039
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions	..	..	..
Finance lease payments	(33)	(33)	(33)
Equity withdrawals	(76)	(76)	(76)
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities	277	277	1,930
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	711	596	711
Cash at the beginning of financial year	6,717	10,761	11,357
Cash transfers from restructure	..	..	..
Cash at the end of financial year	7,428	11,357	12,068

Administered income statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	..	..	..
Taxes	..	..	..
User charges and fees	3,769	300	27,607
Royalties and land rents	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distributions from managed funds	..	..	..
Other revenue	660	330	660
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Total income	4,429	630	28,267
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses	..	..	..
Supplies and services	..	..	..
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Depreciation and amortisation	..	..	..
Finance/borrowing costs	..	..	..
Other expenses	..	..	..
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Transfers of Administered Revenue to Government	4,429	630	28,267
Total expenses	4,429	630	28,267
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	..	..	..

Administered balance sheet

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	223	111	111
Receivables	28	9	23,346
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Inventories	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Non-financial assets held for sale	..	..	..
Total current assets	251	120	23,457
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	..	..	..
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Property, plant and equipment	..	..	..
Intangibles	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current assets	..	..	..
TOTAL ASSETS	251	120	23,457
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	2	2	2
Transfers to Government payable	249	118	23,455
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	..	..	..
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total current liabilities	251	120	23,457
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	..	..	..
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	..	..	..
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current liabilities	..	..	..
TOTAL LIABILITIES	251	120	23,457
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	..	..	..
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	..	..	..

Administered cash flow statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2022–23 Budget \$'000	2022–23 Est. Actual \$'000	2023–24 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	..	..	..
User charges and fees	3,769	300	4,270
Royalties and land rent receipts	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distribution from managed funds received	..	..	..
Taxes	..	..	..
Other	660	330	660
Outflows:			
Employee costs	..	..	..
Supplies and services	..	..	..
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Borrowing costs	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Transfers to Government	(4,429)	(630)	(4,930)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities	..	..	..
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets	..	..	..
Investments redeemed	..	..	..
Loans and advances redeemed	..	..	..
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets	..	..	..
Payments for investments	..	..	..
Loans and advances made	..	..	..
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities	..	..	..
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Borrowings	..	..	..
Equity injections	..	..	..
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions	..	..	..
Finance lease payments	..	..	..
Equity withdrawals	..	..	..
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities	..	..	..
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	..	..	..
Cash at the beginning of financial year	223	111	111
Cash transfers from restructure	..	..	..
Cash at the end of financial year	223	111	111