



Queensland
Government

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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 to all Queenslanders.

Contribution to the Government's Objectives for the Community

The service area within ECQ contributes to the following government objectives:

Government's Objectives for the Community	Agency's objectives	Agency's service area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding our health 	Deliver fair and transparent Queensland elections Continual improvement in electoral services	Electoral Services Deliver fair, accessible, transparent and COVID-19 safe elections for all Queensland electors that maximise voter participation in adherence to electoral law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting jobs 	Deliver fair and transparent Queensland elections Increase electoral awareness and participation Continual improvement in electoral services	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backing our frontline services 	Deliver fair and transparent Queensland elections Continual improvement in electoral services Ensure compliance with electoral funding and disclosure laws	

Key deliverables

In 2021–22, the ECQ will:

- deliver state and local government by-elections as required
- undertake a comprehensive program of evaluations to capture lessons learnt during the major elections held in 2020 and improve future election delivery
- commence preparations and planning for the state and local government elections in 2024
- complete residual works outstanding for the Election Management System
- carry out a program of compliance to ensure political participants are adhering to funding and disclosure requirements.

Staffing

The table below shows the full-time equivalents (FTEs) as at 30 June in the respective years.

Service Area	2020–21 Budget	2020–21 Est. Actual	2021–22 Budget
Electoral Services	76	76	76
Total FTEs	76	76	76

Performance statements

Electoral Services

Service area objective

Deliver fair, accessible, transparent and COVID-19 safe elections for all Queensland electors that maximise voter participation in adherence to electoral law.

Service standards	2020–21 Target/Est.	2020–21 Est. Actual	2021–22 Target/Est.
Effectiveness measures			
Level of informal voting - State general election	5.0%	3.4%	...
Level of informal voting - Local government quadrennial elections (Mayoral) ¹	...	...	...
Level of stakeholder satisfaction with the voting experience - State general election	85%	87%	...
Level of stakeholder satisfaction with the voting experience - Local government quadrennial elections	...	...	...
Proportion of disclosure returns audited that are deemed compliant with electoral law	70%	83%	70%
Efficiency measures			
Cost of State general election per elector ²	\$13.21	\$11.61	..
Cost of local government quadrennial elections per elector	...	...	...

Notes:

- As elections do not occur each year, figures are only presented as required for the relevant year when an election is held.
- For the 2020 State general election, the ECQ was required to budget for a range of contingencies and expand services to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The variance between the 2020–21 Target/Estimate and the 2020–21 Estimated Actual is due to some contingencies not being realised and therefore the cost of the election being under budget.

Budgeted financial statements

Departmental income statement

Controlled income statement

The budgeted expenses in 2021–22 are \$28.9 million, a decrease of \$57.4 million from the 2020–21 Estimated Actual budget of \$86.3 million. This decrease is primarily due to not having a significant election event in 2021–22.

Administered income statement

The budgeted administered expenses in 2021–22 are \$4.4 million an increase of \$3.3 million from the 2020–21 Estimated Actual. This is due to expected cost recovery from local government by-elections and relevant non-voter fines.

Departmental balance sheet

Controlled balance sheet

The ECQ is not expecting material variances from the previous year due to minimum election activities and projects that will be undertaken in the 2021–22 financial year.

Administered balance sheet

Reduction against Receivables and Transfers to Government Payable from the 2020–21 Adjusted Budget to the 2021–22 Budget is a result of a reduction in expected local government election cost recovery measures, due to there being no major local government election events.

Controlled income statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	96,065	86,305	28,895
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	96,095	86,335	28,925
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses	28,914	28,914	11,565
Supplies and services	66,259	56,499	16,438
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Depreciation and amortisation	1,143	1,143	1,136
Finance/borrowing costs	(316)	(316)	(309)
Other expenses	95	95	95
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Total expenses	96,095	86,335	28,925
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	..	..	..

Controlled balance sheet

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4,525	4,525	5,236
Receivables	399	399	399
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Inventories	494	494	494
Other	2,759	2,759	2,759
Non-financial assets held for sale	..	..	..
Total current assets	8,177	8,177	8,888
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	..	..	..
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Property, plant and equipment	1,618	1,618	1,310
Intangibles	19,621	18,969	18,872
Other	24	24	24
Total non-current assets	21,263	20,611	20,206
TOTAL ASSETS	29,440	28,788	29,094
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	1,618	1,618	1,618
Accrued employee benefits	287	287	287
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	1	1	(308)
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total current liabilities	1,906	1,906	1,597
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	..	..	..
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	710	710	710
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current liabilities	710	710	710
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,616	2,616	2,307
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	26,824	26,172	26,787
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	26,824	26,172	26,787

Controlled cash flow statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	92,812	83,052	28,895
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	(28,914)	(28,914)	(11,565)
Supplies and services	(68,286)	(58,526)	(17,328)
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Borrowing costs	316	316	309
Other	(97)	(97)	(97)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities	(3,247)	(3,247)	1,136
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets	..	..	..
Investments redeemed	..	..	..
Loans and advances redeemed	..	..	..
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets	(3,553)	(2,901)	(731)
Payments for investments	..	..	..
Loans and advances made	..	..	..
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities	(3,553)	(2,901)	(731)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Borrowings	..	..	..
Equity injections	39	(613)	691
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions	..	..	..
Finance lease payments	(316)	(316)	(309)
Equity withdrawals	(76)	(76)	(76)
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities	(353)	(1,005)	306
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(7,153)	(7,153)	711
Cash at the beginning of financial year	11,678	11,678	4,525
Cash transfers from restructure	..	..	..
Cash at the end of financial year	4,525	4,525	5,236

Administered income statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	..	..	..
Taxes	..	..	..
User charges and fees	7,482	482	3,769
Royalties and land rents	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distributions from managed funds	..	..	..
Other revenue	660	660	660
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets	..	..	..
Total income	8,142	1,142	4,429
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	8,142	1,142	4,429
Total expenses	8,142	1,142	4,429
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	..	..	..

Administered balance sheet

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	2,089	2,089	2,089
Receivables	24,283	946	946
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Inventories	..	..	..
Other	1	1	1
Non-financial assets held for sale	..	..	..
Total current assets	26,373	3,036	3,036
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	..	..	..
Other financial assets	..	..	..
Property, plant and equipment	..	..	..
Intangibles	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current assets	..	..	..
TOTAL ASSETS	26,373	3,036	3,036
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	2,407	2,407	2,407
Transfers to Government payable	23,966	629	629
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	..	..	..
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total current liabilities	26,373	3,036	3,036
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	..	..	..
Accrued employee benefits	..	..	..
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	..	..	..
Provisions	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Total non-current liabilities	..	..	..
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,373	3,036	3,036
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	..	..	..
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	..	..	..

Administered cash flow statement

Electoral Commission of Queensland	2020–21 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2020–21 Est. Actual \$'000	2021–22 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	..	..	..
User charges and fees	7,482	23,819	3,769
Royalties and land rent receipts	..	..	..
Grants and other contributions	..	..	..
Interest and distribution from managed funds received	..	..	..
Taxes	..	..	..
Other	660	660	660
Outflows:			
Employee costs	..	..	..
Supplies and services	..	..	..
Grants and subsidies	..	..	..
Borrowing costs	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..
Transfers to Government	(8,142)	(24,479)	(4,429)
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	2,089	2,089	2,089
Cash transfers from restructure	..	..	..
Cash at the end of financial year	2,089	2,089	2,089