

State budget 2012-13 highlights

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Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

- Additional funding of \$1.5 million over four years to increase counselling services for victims of child abuse and sexual assault (page 30)
- savings of \$9.6 million over four years from efficiencies delivered from within the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian's operations (page 31)
- savings of \$259.7 million over four years from efficiencies gained in the delivery of services in the non-government sector by ceasing or reducing funding for lower priority projects and services and requiring efficiency improvements from State funded organisations. State funding for specialist disability services will increase by 3% from \$931 million in 2011-12 to almost \$959 million in 2012-13 (page 31).

Department of Community Safety

- Savings of \$5.4 million over four years from the closure of Darling Downs Correctional Centre (including the dairy farm) and the dairy at Capricornia Correctional Centre (page 34)
- savings of \$12.1 million over four years from a reduction in the operation of prison industry activities from seven days a week to five days a week (page 34).

Department of Education, Training and Employment

- Provide \$1 million over four years to develop a school education program to arm children with knowledge to protect themselves and encourage reports of suspected abuses and sexual assault. This funding also includes the delivery and implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum (page 39).

Department of Housing and Public Works

- Discontinue the Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service grant program from 31 October 2012 (page 47).

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

- Provide additional funding of \$6 million in 2012-13 to review the progress of the implementation of the Forde Inquiry and the Crime and Misconduct Commission Inquiry [into child protection] (page 49)
- provide additional funding of \$2 million over two years to deliver a boot camp program to young people at high-risk of reoffending (page 49)
- provide increased funding of \$3.5 million over four years to enhance and refocus the role of the Justice of the Peace in the community, including trialling the expansion of the role of JP (Magistrates Court) to hear minor civil disputes in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (page 50)
- provide increased funding of \$2 million over four years to support victims of crime (page 51)
- provide increased funding of \$0.5 million over two years to support vulnerable Queensland women with assisted legal advice sessions, telephone support service and to assist women suffering from violence and abuse. An additional \$0.25 million in 2012-13 will be allocated from the Legal Practitioner Interest on Trust Accounts Fund towards this measure bringing the total funding to \$0.75 million (page 51)
- savings of \$5 million in 2012-13 and \$10.2 million per annum from 2013-14 from changes to court diversion programs and referrals (page 52)
- The Government is introducing a new administration levy on all criminal justice related outcomes of \$100 for Magistrates Court matters and \$300 for Superior Court matters where an offender is found guilty (page 129).

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

- The Government approved funding of \$5.5 million over three years to develop the interface between the national electronic conveyancing platform and the Queensland Titles Registry Automated Titles System and for additional IT upgrades to the system (page 110)
- The Government will increase lodgement fees by \$15 for title dealings that attract the standard or a higher fee. Revenue will be reinvested to help fund a rolling program of system enhancements and replacements to ensure the ongoing reliability and integrity of land and cadastral information systems such as the Automated Titles System, the Digital Cadastral Database and the Queensland Valuations and Sales Database (page 130).

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

- Provide additional funding of \$2.5 million in 2012-13 to establish the Gasfields Commission which will assist in balancing the needs of the resource and agricultural sectors, particularly in relation to issues surrounding coal seam gas water, groundwater, land access and strategic cropping land (page 66)
- savings of \$1.6 million over four years in legal fees associated with land acquisitions and projects across State Development Areas (page 68).

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

- Provide additional funding of \$3 million in 2012-13 for the State's legal representation at the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (page 70).

Public Service Commission

- Provide additional funding of \$1 million in 2012-13 to cover anticipated costs for legal advice and representation for enterprise bargaining agreements that are currently being negotiated (page 85).

Queensland Police Service

- Provide additional funding of \$146.9 million over four years to deliver an additional 1,100 new police officers by 2015-16. The total cost of this measure will be \$358.3 million including growth funding provisions in the forward estimates (page 90).

Department of Transport and Main Roads

- The Government will increase the value of the penalty unit from \$100 to \$110 to reflect movement in the Consumer Price Index (page 132)
- the Government will introduce a merchant fee charge for credit card transactions (page 132).

Queensland Treasury and Trade

- Provide additional funding of \$31.5 million over three years and \$11.1 million per annum from 2015-16 to target serious non-compliance in payroll tax, royalties and high revenue value programs (page 93)
- the Government will trial a fee for service arrangement with professional mercantile agents to act on behalf of Government to recover unpaid fines. The trial is expected to recover \$47.3 million of unpaid fines in 2012-13 (page 94)
- the Government is targeting eligibility for the First Home Owners Grant to those buying or building new homes to support a more supply based response to the issue of home affordability. To support housing construction a \$15,000 First Home Owners Construction Grant will be introduced (page 96)
- the Government is increasing the royalty payable on the value of coal where it exceeds \$100 per tonne. From 1 October 2012, the previous single rate of 10% on the value above \$100 per tonne will be replaced with a rate of 12.5% on the value between \$100 and \$150 per tonne, with a rate of 15% applied to the value above \$150 per tonne (page 134)
- the Government has increased the marginal rate of transfer duty payable on the value of property above \$1 million from 5.25% to 5.75% (page 134).

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Legal Aid Queensland

- During 2012 – 13 LAQ expects to increase fees to private lawyers for sessional duty lawyer services and domestic violence grants of aid by 10 per cent (page 55).