

**Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2019–20 reporting period**

**Section 13.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)**

<b>Name of Government body</b> Council of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated					
<b>Act or instrument</b>		<i>Legal Profession Act 2007</i>			
<b>Functions</b>		The Council has the sole management of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated which is a representative, membership and regulatory body of Legal Practitioners (solicitors) in Queensland. The Society administers the Legal Practitioner's Fidelity Guarantee Fund and Law Claims Levy Fund, issues annual practising certificates and other consequential matters.			
<b>Achievements</b>		<p>Issues for the Council during 2019-20 included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. leading the strategic direction of the Society by reviewing and continuing into year three of the Society's four year strategic plan and updating the plan to make provision for COVID-19;</li> <li>2. approving the COVID-19 member support package;</li> <li>3. approving the Society's operating plan 2020-21 and First Nations Cultural Outreach Strategy 2020-25;</li> <li>4. approving the incorporation of a wholly owned subsidiary</li> <li>5. reviewing and consulting on amendments to the Society's Code of Conduct, for approval to the AG;</li> <li>6. identifying and determining a position on issues of importance to members and the solicitors' branch of the Queensland legal profession;</li> <li>7. making rules (subordinate legislation) on a range of matters including fixing fees, levies and subscriptions relating to membership of the Society;</li> <li>8. monitoring the financial outcomes and the integrity of reporting, ensuring the preparation of accurate financial reports and statements and approving the annual budget;</li> <li>9. ensuring the effective execution of the Society's regulatory role in relation to solicitors' practising certificates, trust accounts and other matters;</li> <li>10. monitoring the performance of the Society's activities through reports on achievements against the Society's operating plans and annual budget;</li> <li>11. ensuring the Society has good corporate governance structures in place and promoting a healthy and ethical corporate culture; and</li> <li>12. oversight of its subsidiaries Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd and QLS Solicitor Support Pty Ltd.</li> </ol>			
<b>Financial reporting</b>		Annual financial statements, audited by the Auditor-General, are contained in the Annual Report			
<b>Remuneration</b>					
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Meetings/session s attendance</b>	<b>Approved annual, sessional or daily fee</b>	<b>Approved sub-committee fees if applicable</b>	<b>Actual fees received</b>
President	William Potts (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	10/13	\$262,066 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)		\$161,248 (includes \$19,714 accommodation allowance)

	Luke Murphy (1/1/20 – 30/6/20)	13/13			\$141,534
Deputy President	Elizabeth Shearer (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	7/7	\$86,481 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)		\$47,348
Vice President	Chris Coyne (1/7/19 - 31/12/19)	6/6	\$86,481 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)		\$47,348
	Peter Lyons (1/01/20- 22/01/20)	4/8			
	Kara Thomson (23/01/20 – 30/06/20)	13/13			
Immediate Past President	Ken Taylor (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	6/6			
	Bill Potts (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	See above			
Councillor	Michael Brennan (1/7/19 – 30/06/20)	12/13			
Councillor	Chloe Kopilovic (1/7/19 – 30/06/20)	9/13			
Councillor	Peter Lyons (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	See above			
Councillor	Kirsty Mackie (1/7/19 – 30/06/20)	9/13			
Councillor	Luke Murphy (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	See above			

Councillor	Travis Schultz (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	4/6			
Councillor	Kara Thomson (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	See above			
Councillor	Paul Tully (1/7/19 – 31/12/19)	3/6			
Councillor	Allison Caputo (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	6/7			
Councillor	Justin McDonne II (22/06/20 – 30/06/20)	-			
Councillor	William Munro (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	7/7			
Councillor	Rebecca Pezzutti (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	7/7			
Councillor	Phil Ware (1/1/20 – 30/06/20)	7/7			
Councillor (Attorney-General's nominee)	Karen Simpson (1/7/19 – 12/02/20)	6/8			
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	13				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$5,946				