

Reporting template for Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2015-2016 reporting period – 14.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)

Name of Government body Council of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated					
Act or instrument	<i>Legal Profession Act 2007</i>				
Functions	The Council has the sole management of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated which is a representative and regulatory body of Legal Practitioners in Queensland. The Society administers the Legal Practitioner's Fidelity Guarantee Fund, the issue of annual practising certificates and other consequential matters.				
Achievements	<p>Issues for the Council during 2015-16 included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. setting the strategic direction of the Society; 2. identifying and determining a position on issues of importance to members and the solicitors' branch of the Queensland legal profession; 3. making rules (subordinate legislation) on a range of matters including fixing fees, levies and subscriptions relating to membership of the Society; 4. selection and appointment of a new chief executive officer (CEO), determining conditions of service and monitoring performance against agreed objectives; 5. monitoring the financial outcomes and the integrity of reporting, ensuring the preparation of accurate financial reports and statements and approving the annual budget; 6. ensuring the effective execution of the Society's regulatory role in relation to solicitors' practising certificates, trust accounts and other matters; 7. monitoring the performance of the Society's activities through reports on achievements against the Society's strategic and corporate plans and annual budget; 8. ensuring the Society has good corporate governance structures in place and promoting a healthy and ethical corporate culture; and 9. oversight of Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd. 				
Financial reporting	Annual financial statements, audited by the Auditor-General, are contained in the Annual Report.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance *	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
President	Michael Fitzgerald (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	3/3	\$262,066 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)	N/A	\$144,765
	William Potts (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4			\$152,486
Deputy President	Christine Smyth (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4	\$86,481 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)	N/A	\$50,400
Vice President	Deborah Awyzio (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	3/3	\$86,481 pa plus 9.5% superannuation (pro-rated)	N/A	\$47,348
	Kara Cook (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4			N/A

Immediate Past President	Michael Fitzgerald (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	William Potts (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	3/3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Christine Smyth (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	3/3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Kara Cook (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	3/3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Christopher Coyne	6/7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Elizabeth Shearer	7/7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Ken Taylor	7/7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Paul Tully	5/7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Danielle Keyes (1/7/15 – 31/12/15)	2/3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Michael Brennan (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Jennifer Hetherington (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	3/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Chloe Kopilovic (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor	Kara Thomson (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor (Attorney- General's nominee)	Paul Spiro (1/7/15 – 31/12/15) Karen Simpson (1/1/16 – 30/6/16)	1/3 4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	7				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$83,451				

* Each councillor also sits on a number of different QLS subcommittees, committees and working groups which met during the year. Those attendances are not included in this table.