B. How we prepared this report

About this report

This report summarises the results of financial audits for all Queensland state government entities.

Through our financial audit program, we form opinions about the reliability of public sector entity financial statements. The information and insights highlighted in this report to parliament are the result of our annual financial audits of the state government entities subject to our audits.

On 15 December 2023, the state government announced machinery of government changes effective 1 January 2024. This impacted 12 departments and 14 functions. As this report summarises the audit results of the 2022–23 financial year, our report refers to departmental names as at 30 June 2023. We only refer to updated names following machinery of government changes in the section on leadership changes, where our analysis extends beyond 1 January 2024, when the changes were effective.

We grouped entities listed in Appendices E and G under their ministerial portfolio at the time of preparing this report, which was after machinery of government changes effective 1 January 2024. Where departmental functions were split across multiple ministers, we listed the related entity in each of the relevant portfolios, meaning some entities are listed more than once.

Entities included in this report

- 27 departments
- 118 statutory bodies
- 11 government owned corporations
- 84 controlled entities (entities controlled by one or more public sector entity).

These entities are listed in Appendices E and I.

Note: These do not include entities exempted from audit by the Auditor-General (see Appendix G), entities not preparing financial reports (see Appendix H), or entities audited by arrangement. We have also not included the new department that was created following the machinery of government changes effective 1 January 2024, as our report covers the 2022–23 financial year and the department did not exist during that period.

Our approach

This report has been prepared in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

We used the following data sets in preparing our report:

- Overview of movements in royalty revenue and net operating results (Figure 3A) – we compare the current year to

  – the previous 4 financial years (based on audited financial statements)

  – the forecast for the next 4 financial years (based on the Queensland Budget 2023–24).

  We have not audited the budget. We have used 4 years either side of the current year to show movements over time.

- Leadership changes (Figure 5C) – we sourced this data from audited financial statements for each department. We initially chose a 5-year period from 1 July 2018 to compare movements over time. However, we extended our analysis beyond 30 June 2023 to include changes that resulted from machinery of government changes effective 1 January 2024, immediately prior to finalising this report.

- Use of contractors and consultants (Figure 5D) and special payments (Figure 5F) – we sourced this data from each entity's financial statements over the last 5 years, dating back to 2018–19. We presented both of these graphs over 5 years to show relevant movements over time.

For the dashboards we are publishing alongside this report, we used the following data:

- Water data visualisation – audited financial statements, and drought status, primary industries, and water storage facilities (total capacity and storage level at 30 June) sourced from emergency action plans provided by the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water.

- Understanding grants dashboard – we sourced the Queensland Government Investment Portal – Expenditure Data from the Queensland Government's Open Data website. We have undertaken data cleansing to classify each grant into a sector and recipient type using the information provided by funding agencies. We have also performed limited data cleansing over recipient names to ensure these are spelt consistently, and we can accurately count the number of grant recipients.