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- s.47(3)(b)
- s.47(3)(b) - contrary to the public interest - business affairs
- s.47(3)(b) and part exempt under CBRC Sch3 s.2(1)(c)
DATA SHARING WITHIN THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2013, regarding data sharing within the Queensland Government.

Officers from Queensland Treasury and Trade have liaised with your department’s nominated contact to discuss the specific instances and barriers that resulted in the concerns you raised. An outcome of these discussions is that the Government Statistician will undertake an ongoing role of facilitating access to information across government and external organisations.

The Statistical Returns Act 1896 (the Act), administered by Queensland Treasury and Trade, gives the Government Statistician authority to collect and publish statistics. It also allows the collection of information to prepare a sampling frame to conduct surveys.

In September 2013, the Act was amended to explicitly bind the State. This means the Government Statistician may collect information from government agencies and the information can be made available for statistical purposes under certain confidentiality provisions. This is being done across a range of areas of importance to the Government, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, community services and Health. In my view, the Act is fit for purpose and does not require further amendment.

On the issue of sharing personal and other information collected by Queensland public sector agencies under legislation they administer, this is governed by the confidentiality and secrecy provisions in this legislation in addition to the Information Privacy Principles embodied in the Information Privacy Act 2009 (QLD). These provisions seek to balance the Government’s legitimate need to access information in certain cases with a person’s reasonable expectation that the use of that information will be limited to ensure its continued confidentiality.
While efficient access to data is critical to support policy development and service delivery, I believe further work is required to determine whether actions such as creating a central hub for government data is an appropriate approach. As you have rightly noted, confidentiality of data and individual privacy must be central in any consideration of these matters.

In order to achieve government outcomes and service delivery, Mr Antony Skinner, Queensland Government Statistician, from my Department will continue to work collaboratively with your Department to facilitate access to information in an efficient manner. Mr Skinner is available on telephone (07) 3035 6400 or by email at antony.skinner@treasury.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
11 APR 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier,

Thank you for your letter of 6 March, 2014, advising that the next meeting of the Queensland Security Committee (QSC) will be held on 24 April at the

I confirm that I will be present at the meeting being held from 8.30 am to 11.00 am.

Thank you also for providing me with the

Sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
Further to my letter of 30 January 2014, I thank you for coordinating a recent meeting with officers from Projects Queensland (PQ) to progress the matters you raised in your letter of 11 December 2013.

I understand this was a productive meeting and in order to ensure that we continue to interact on a collaborative basis, a schedule of regular interactive meetings between the Toowoomba Regional Council (the Council) and PQ are intended to occur. Further, I understand that representatives from PQ recently provided a briefing to your councillors and senior management from the Council on the TSRC project and the procurement process.

The TSRC is a priority project for both the State Government and Council, and I acknowledge the strategic importance it plays in Council's current and future plans for boosting the connectivity, productivity and liveability of Toowoomba city and the surrounding region.

PQ has been tasked with the procurement of the TSRC, which involves engaging with a range of external stakeholders, including the Federal Government, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Rail your Council and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. It is expected that PQ will work very closely with all stakeholders during the determination of key deliverables throughout the process.

In particular this will involve close interaction with your Council on the following items:

- interface issues with Council's existing (and future) road network and facilities (such as Plantations Utilities Plant and the waste transfer facility);
ability to provide input to discussions regarding any proposed amendments to the reference design;

• assistance in prescribing the development approval processes required for each proponent's proposal, and the ultimate approval processes and interface issues during construction by the successful proponent;

• funding agreements being reached (where applicable); and

• agreement on communication protocols with the community and other stakeholders.

It is the State’s Intention to establish a Technical Reference Group that will cover the majority of the items listed above (with the funding and communications protocols being established separately). Members of the PQ project team will be in contact shortly to agree the terms of reference for this working group and to commence the necessary tasks.

I understand that a Probity Information Session with all councillors and Council representatives associated with the Project was held in early March, and information was provided by the TSRC project’s Probity Advisor (Argyle Corporate Advisers) on the probity protocols established for this project. These protocols exist to ensure that there is equity and fairness for all potential bidders in relation to material information.

I recognise that Council is free to meet and liaise with a range of stakeholders on business as usual matters. However, it is critical that all councillors and Council representatives abide by the State Government’s probity protocols for this project now the procurement process has commenced.

In accordance with these probity protocols, all councillors and Council representatives who will have an involvement in the project are being asked to sign Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest forms in relation to the TSRC project. I look forward to this being finalised in a timely manner. A copy of the probity protocols and the relevant forms are attached.

With the procurement process now underway, this project is gaining momentum and I strongly encourage your Council to continue to engage directly with PQ on all TSRC matters.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

Encl.

co: Honorable Campbell Newman MP, Premier
     Honorable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development
     Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Our Reference: TOQ-06090

04 APR 2014

Mr J Grayson
Director-General
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Mr Grayson

BALLYMORE PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT

On 31 March 2014 the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade, wrote to Mr Rod McCall, Chairman, Queensland Rugby Union regarding the redevelopment of the Ballymore precinct.

A copy of this correspondence has been attached for your information. I would appreciate if you advised the Premier’s Office of this matter.

If you require further information or assistance, your officer my contact Mr Lachlan Whitta, Senior Treasury Analyst on (07) 3035 1415.

Yours sincerely

Mark Gray
Under Treasurer

Encl.
BALLYMORE PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT

I refer to our meeting of 11 September 2013 regarding the redevelopment of the Ballymore precinct and to further briefings provided to staff from my office and Queensland Treasury and Trade.

I note that Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) continues to develop its proposal to address the long term viability of the Ballymore site and to provide enhanced training facilities. As part of developing a solution, I would expect QRU to explore all options to achieve its aims including the use of external capital by entering into partnerships or joint ventures.

I understand that some parties may require the conversion of the Deed of Grant In Trust (DOGIT) lands held by QRU to freehold, to support the redevelopment of the site with an external partner or to access external financing arrangements.

I am prepared to support the conversion of the DOGIT lands to freehold, subject to agreement by Government of a detailed business case and redevelopment proposal that:

- promotes the long-term growth and sustainability of the Ballymore site;
- is supported by appropriate financing arrangements; and
- is consistent with its primary use as a recreational facility.
If you require further information or assistance, your officers may contact Mr Gerard Benedet, Chief of Staff of my office on (07) 3719 7200.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

Cc The Honourable Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
BRIEFING NOTE

FROM: Treasury and Trade

FOR: Treasurer and Minister for Trade

SUBJECT: Queensland Rugby Union Ballymore Redevelopment

Contact Officer: Lachlan Whitta, Budget Portfolios Division, 3035 1415
Record No: TRY-06390
Date: 17 February 2014

Requested by: Russell Silver-Thomas
Date Approval Required By: 3/03/2014

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this brief is to:
   - provide an update on Queensland Rugby Union Ballymore proposal; and
   - seek your signature on the attached letter.

BACKGROUND

2. On 11 September 2013, Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) met with you to provide information on its proposal to develop the Ballymore facility and to seek your consideration to the conversation to freehold of the Deed of Grant in Trust (DGIT).

3. Brief TRY-05168 advised the proposal remains at a formative stage and QRU are yet to determine the financing options to support a redevelopment. Your letter of 8 November 2013 to the QRU identified the shortcomings of the work undertaken by QRU to date and stated that you are prepared to consider the conversion of the DGIT lands to freehold, subject to agreement by Government of a redevelopment proposal that promotes the long term growth and sustainability of the Ballymore site and is supported by appropriate financing arrangements.

4. On 12 December 2013, QRU met with representatives from the Treasurer’s Office, QTT, Minister Dickson’s Office and the Department of National Parks Recreation Sport and Racing (NPRSR). On 7 February 2014, officers from QTT and NPRSR met with Queensland Rugby Union in relation to the future development of its Ballymore facility. The meetings discussed the requirements for QRU to progress its proposal and seek financial backing from external parties. The future steps for QRU, when it is in a position to seek approval from Government for the conversion of the DGIT lands to freehold, were also discussed.

Conversion of the DGIT lands to freehold

5. The Land Act 1994 establishes the arrangements for DGITs and provides for the granting of State land. The Land Act is administered by the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines.

6. Section 122 (3) of the Land Act 1994 provides that the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines must decide the purchase price for the land. However, the Minister’s decision is constrained by Cabinet endorsed policy [GLP - Disposal Policy 5 Private Treaty Disposal; Policy Intent Part (c)], which requires that unless specific approval of the Treasurer is obtained to the contrary, the purchase price for land offered in priority must be equivalent to the market value of the land. Under this policy, your approval will be required for the property to be converted to freehold and provided to QRU at nil consideration.
ISSUES

7. QRU has acknowledged the deficiencies of its analysis and the Coffey Sport and Leisure report. QRU has agreed to further develop its proposal to better identify the project, establish proposed financing arrangements and to demonstrate ongoing financial viability of the Ballymore site.

8. Your letter of 8 November 2013 included considerable discussion on the shortfalls of the Coffey Sport and Leisure report and QRU’s analysis. QRU wishes to commence discussions with potential financiers and commercial partners and would like to share your support for the conversion of the DOGIT to freehold with potential financiers and partners to demonstrate the Government’s willingness to consider alternative funding arrangements. QRU does not wish to share the shortcomings of the Coffey Sport and Leisure report and its early analysis with third parties and has sought a new letter from you providing conditional support for the conversion of the DOGIT to freehold, consistent with your letter of 8 November 2013.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

9. NPRSR was consulted on the content and recommendations and supports the approach.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That you sign the attached letter to QRU.

Mark Gray
Under Treasurer

Date: 5/12/14

☐ Approved  ☐ Not approved

Treasurer and Minister for Trade

Comments

☐ Noted

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

5/13/14
20 MAR 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier,

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2014 extending an invitation to me to attend the Executive Council functions to mark the change of Governors.

I am pleased to accept the invitation to the Executive Council Meetings and light luncheons being held on 25 July and 31 July 2014 and will have my office advise Protocol Queensland accordingly.

The dates of the farewell reception for Her Excellency Ms. Penelope Wensley AC and the swearing-in ceremony for The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC have also been noted and I look forward to joining you for these special occasions.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier,

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your letter of 17 February 2014 to Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO, Assistant Treasurer regarding the steps being taken to help alleviate insurance cost pressures impacting property owners in the North and Far North of our State.

I share your view that a collaborative approach to addressing this issue is required and, in this regard, I have written directly to the Assistant Treasurer to reaffirm the Queensland Government’s commitment to working in partnership with the Australian Government on strategies to tackle this complex issue, help drive economic growth and maximise development prospects in the North.

The development of an insurance aggregator for the North Queensland strata, home building and contents insurance market, as well as a programme of engineering assessments for strata properties in the region, are currently being considered. I have asked Queensland Treasury and Trade officers to work closely with our Federal colleagues and to offer whatever assistance may be required in exploring these options further.

In addition, the Australian Government Actuary (AGA) is conducting an expanded study into strata title insurance in North Queensland which will expand on the 2012 actuarial study and will cover an 8 year period comparing strata insurance pricing more broadly with other areas of Australia. I understand the State Actuary’s Office has held preliminary discussions with the AGA and is assisting in this process.
While steps are being taken to investigate both the cause of escalating premiums and possible measures to improve insurance affordability, this is a challenging and complex problem which requires industry's support to resolve and it may be some time before there is any noticeable premium relief for property owners.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
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Dear Premier,

POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATION CHIEF AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

I am writing in relation to the Government Owned Corporation Governance Arrangements for Chief and Senior Executives (Governance Arrangements) issued in its current form to Government owned corporations (GOCs) in February 2009.

These arrangements have now been comprehensively reviewed having regard to current market practice and the Government’s desire to increase autonomy and accountability for boards of GOCs, Queensland Rail and Seqwater.

A consultation version of a draft replacement policy was provided in September by Ms Helen Gluer, then Under Treasurer, to the Directors-General of all GOC shareholding Ministers’ departments and the Public Service Commission for consultation purposes in conjunction with the respective shareholding Ministers. Consultation feedback was positive and shareholding agencies supported the proposed policy being finalised and issued.

Enclosed is the new Policy for Government Owned Corporation Chief and Senior Executive Employment Arrangements 2013 which provides Government’s high level expectations regarding GOC chief and senior executive remuneration and employment conditions. It replaces the Governance Arrangements.

Please note employment terms and conditions for GOC chief and senior executives are at the discretion of the boards of GOCs, Queensland Rail and Seqwater, subject to the expectations outlined in this framework. The boards will need to seek prior written shareholding Ministers’ approval where the boards propose terms and conditions outside of this framework.
I have issued this policy to the GOCs, Queensland Rail and Seqwater and now provide a copy of the policy for your records.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

Encl.

P.S. These settled after extensive discussions with relevant agencies and after advice you have reviewed them, from John

Tim
QUEENSLAND
Government

POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATION CHIEF AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Version 1.0

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Purpose of Document

This document outlines the Government's high level expectations regarding Government owned corporation (GOC) chief and senior executive remuneration and employment conditions. It replaces the 'Government Owned Corporations Governance Arrangements for Chief and Senior Executives'.

Current market trends were considered when developing the framework. The framework's principles are consistent with the corporatisation principles in the Government Owned Corporations Act 1993 (GOC Act) and represent a maximum position and shareholding Ministers' expectations that GOCs will not be market leaders with regards to remuneration. The principles apply to GOCs, GOC subsidiaries, Queensland Rail and Seqwater.

Employment terms and conditions for chief and senior executives are at the discretion of GOC boards, subject to the shareholder's expectations outlined in this framework and any legislative requirements. Prior written shareholding Ministers' approval is required where a GOC board proposes terms and conditions outside of the framework.

Key Principles

1 Appointments

GOC boards can appoint chief executives under the GOC Act with prior written approval of shareholding Ministers. GOC boards have autonomy to make short term (less than six months) temporary appointments to chief executive positions without consulting shareholding Ministers. GOC boards can appoint senior executives under the GOC Act. Board can make temporary senior executive appointments without consulting shareholding Ministers. Temporary appointments to senior executive roles for more than six months are to be filled as per the requirements for permanent appointment.

Probity checks are required for all chief and senior executive appointments and include a conflict of interest disclosure statement, an independent probity review of that statement, bankruptcy check, Australian Securities and Investments Commission banned and disqualified persons register search and personal name search and a Criminal History Check or Maritime Security Check.

2 Senior Executive Restructures

Senior executive restructures do not require shareholding Ministers' approval, except for restructures which propose more than six direct reports to the chief executive officer.

Where significant changes to job roles or work value assessment result in a significant change in the total fixed remuneration (TFR) of the senior executive in the role, the market should be tested to determine the person most suitable for the role.

3 Total Fixed Remuneration

GOC boards can determine TFR for the chief executive and senior executive roles, up to market median for the position's work value as advised by an independent remuneration consultant. GOC boards can remunerate lower than median depending on factors such as current market conditions and associated skills, and the capability and experience of the individual on appointment to the role and over time.
TFR is the sum of base salary, superannuation, salary sacrifice items and other benefits (e.g. motor vehicle, club memberships). Items in TFR are to be specified as the total annual cost to the GOC providing the benefit. The chief/senior executive is responsible for meeting from the TFR any tax liabilities (e.g. including Fringe Benefits Tax on benefits (where applicable)) which arise from salary sacrifice choices.

TFR excludes any performance incentive as well as any tools of trade, equipment or other items provided solely to perform in the position.

Where the board determines that benefits such as club or health insurance fund membership or home telecommunications are of demonstrable benefit to the corporation, these may be offered in addition to the executive's TFR.

GOC boards have discretion to approve annual TFR increases up to the latest market median for the position's work value but limited to a maximum increase not exceeding 10 per cent. GOC boards should act prudently and take account of the economic climate when considering annual TFR increases.

TFR might be set at median plus up to 10 per cent to attract or retain an applicant with exceptional skills or experience, with prior written shareholding Ministers' approval. This remuneration level can be maintained through annual reviews, i.e. the board can approve annual TFR increases up to the revised market median plus the relevant additional percentage.

4 Performance Payments

Performance payments must not exceed 15 per cent of TFR. GOC boards are required to have board approved policies governing the eligibility, assessment of and approval of performance payments for chief and senior executives. Performance criteria are to have clear linkages to the stretch performance targets outlined in the GOC's Statement of Corporate Intent that have been agreed with shareholding Ministers. No long term performance payments or other performance incentives are to be offered.

5 Employment Contracts

GOCs have not been issued with a standard employment contract as part of these principles.

GOC boards have responsibility to ensure chief and senior executive employment contracts comply with the principles in this framework (as a maximum position) and provide for the totality of all remuneration arrangements. No additional remuneration or other arrangements are to be entered into outside of the employment contract.

6 Employment Term

New appointees to chief and senior executive roles are to be employed on an ongoing (tenured) basis with no specific end (termination) date.

Existing outer limit employment contracts for chief and senior executives can continue until the end of the current contract term. Reappointments are to be on a tenured basis.

7 Notice Periods

Notice periods for termination of employment by the executive or the GOC are three months for a chief executive and one month for senior executives.

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8 **Termination Entitlements**

Employment contracts can allow for payment of the following termination entitlements:

- any accrued leave;
- salary for the balance of the notice period, if the employment is terminated by the GOC immediately or during the notice period; and
- a termination payment of six months’ salary for chief executives and three months’ salary for senior executives.

The salary to be used to calculate the termination payments should be ‘superannuable salary’ i.e. total fixed remuneration less the employer's superannuation contribution.

Termination payments will not be paid if the executive's employment terminates at the initiative of the executive, the termination was in the notice period where an executive had previously given notice of termination or the executive was terminated for becoming bankrupt, committing fraud, dishonesty, unsatisfactory performance, misconduct or incapacity.

Pre-existing termination payment entitlements for non-chief and non-senior executives moving to a chief or senior executive role within a GOC can no longer be preserved.

Where the GOC’s business changes and results in termination of the executive's employment, (e.g. the employer's business is transmitted to another entity, sold, restructured, outsourced, merged with another business), the executive is not entitled to termination payments where they are offered employment with the other entity in a position that has substantially similar accountabilities and responsibilities, at least equivalent remuneration and is located in reasonable proximity to the executive’s current workplace. This applies irrespective of whether or not the executive accepts the offer of employment.

9 **Notification to Shareholding Ministers**

GOC boards are required to provide written notification to shareholding Ministers of the following events for chief and senior executives within one month of the event occurring:

- chief executive and senior executives appointments, together with a copy of the executed employment contract and a copy of the relevant report from the independent remuneration consultant which provides the work value assessment and median TFR of the position;
- annual TFR review increases for chief and senior executives; and
- payment of annual performance payments including an assessment of each chief and senior executive's individual performance and contribution to corporate performance.
Thank you for your letter of 25 February 2014 about travel arrangements for Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ).

Firstly, I want to reaffirm the important role of the whole-of-Government (WOG) travel policy in ensuring that the Government has appropriate control and oversight over government travel. The policy sets out clear expectations regarding the planning, approval and reporting processes for domestic and overseas travel for official purposes. It ensures that travel occurs only when it is essential to meet government objectives.

Having said this, I recognise that, as part of their day-to-day business, officers of TIQ are often required to travel more than officers of other departments and statutory authorities. As such, compliance with the WOG travel policy can result in excessive costs, notably from delayed travel approvals. This was identified in the recent TIQ review and the Government responded by supporting recommendation 76 to improve this process and to gain operational and budget efficiencies.

As such, I approve the exemption of TIQ from compliance with the WOG travel policy, on the condition that a new TIQ travel policy be developed which has appropriate controls and is consistent with the Government’s response to the TIQ review. Further, and consistent with your comments, I support your intent to review the TIQ travel policy after the TIQ board has considered it, and for you to retain approval authority for the TIQ Chairman’s travel.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN
The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier,

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT QUEENSLAND

As of 1 February 2014 Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) became a fully operating statutory body. The transition to a statutory body was a policy decision by the government designed to free TIQ from the standard departmental processes. TIQ has the opportunity to now develop a new operating environment that allows the organisation to focus on its core role of assisting Queensland companies in developing their international business activities.

The TIQ Review (the Review) found that the standard departmental operations have built a layer of administration that bogs down the true functions of TIQ. For example, the Crowe-Horwath review of back office procedures found that streamlining overseas travel approvals would provide the opportunity to reduce the overall cost of ticketing and administration for TIQ. This would in turn free up staff to do the job that they are engaged to do, promote Brand Queensland Internationally, facilitate Queensland business into key export markets, and attract much needed foreign direct investment for the State.

The government’s response to the Review supported TIQ developing an annual International travel plan for endorsement by the TIQ Board, with final travel delegation resting with the Chief Executive Officer of the statutory body.

Currently, as a statutory body, TIQ must comply with the whole-of-Government (WOG) Travel Policy. It is understood at officer level that the Director-General’s Council on Procurement and Information Technology is likely to recommend that all statutory authorities will be exempt from the WOG Travel Policy. In view of this likely recommendation and as the current WOG Travel Policy is at odds with the government’s endorsed recommendations in the TIQ Review, TIQ is seeking an exemption from the policy.
TIQ's Board will ensure the appropriate internal travel policy is in place to govern the proper undertaking of domestic, overseas and local market travel by TIQ employees and the Board.

As part of its statutory requirements, TIQ will submit a report of the overseas travel undertaken by the statutory body with its Half-year Report to myself as Minister.

Should you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Gerard Benedet, Chief of Staff of my office on (07) 3719 7200.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

P.S. I have instructed TIQ to have their travel policy after the Board has considered it. Also, the Chairman’s travel should still be subject to Ministers approval.
BRIEFING NOTE

FROM | Trade and Investment Queensland
FOR  | Treasurer and Minister for Trade
SUBJECT | Exemption of TIQ from WoG Air Travel Policy
Contact Officer: Greg McKean 3404 6966  | Record No: CORP-002  
Requested by: NIA | Date: 9/02/2014
Date Approval Required By: 13/02/2014

PURPOSE

The purpose of this submission is to seek your endorsement to write to the Premier requesting an exemption of Trade and Investment Queensland from the whole of government Air Travel Policy.

BACKGROUND

1. Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) became a fully operating statutory body on 1 February 2014. The transition to a statutory body was a policy decision by the government designed to free TIQ from the standard departmental processes. TIQ has the opportunity to now develop a new operating environment that allows the organisation to focus on its core role of assisting Queensland companies develop their international business activities.

2. The TIQ Review found that the standard departmental operations have built a layer of administration that bogs down the true-functions of TIQ. For example, the Crowe-Horwath review of back office procedures found that streamlining overseas travel approvals would provide the opportunity to reduce the overall cost of ticketing and administration for TIQ. This would free up staff to do the job that they are engaged to do - promote Brand Queensland internationally, facilitate Queensland business into key export markets, and attract much needed foreign direct investment for the State.

3. The government’s response to the Review supported TIQ developing an annual international travel plan that would be endorsed by the TIQ Board with final travel delegation resting with the Chief Executive Officer of the statutory body.

ISSUES

4. Currently, as a statutory body, TIQ must comply with the Government’s Air Travel Policy. The current policy is at odds with the government’s endorsed recommendations in the TIQ Review, by requiring the relevant Minister to approve all employee international travel. As such TIQ is seeking an exemption from the government’s Air Travel Policy.

5. TIQ’s Board will ensure the appropriate internal travel policy is in place to govern the proper undertaking of domestic, overseas and local market travel by TIQ employees and the Board. As part of its statutory requirements, TIQ will submit a report of the overseas travel undertaken by the statutory body with its Half-year Report to you as Minister.

6. For TIQ to gain the exemption from the Air Travel Policy, the relevant Minister must write to the Premier outlining the reasons for seeking to be exempt. The letter at Attachment A provides the rationale for that exemption.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. It is forecasted that TIQ will be able to procure reduced travel and administration costs more in line with its organisational requirements with an exemption from the government’s Air Travel Policy.
RECOMMENDATION

8. That you:

- provide in-principle support for TIQ to be exempt from the government's Air Travel Policy
- sign the attached letter to the Premier seeking his approval to grant the exemption to TIQ

Andrew Tulloch
Chief Executive Officer Date 21/2/2014

☐ Approved
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
☐ Not approved
Comments
E| Noted

Please note my comments to Premier for additionally.
To Need to see Travel Policy after board consideration.
2nd Chairman travel to be approved by Minister.
Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
15/2/14

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
25/2/14

REPORT BACK TO ME.

This officer may be required to provide further detailed information regarding the issue.
The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
GPO Box 611
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Treasurer,

The next meeting of the Queensland Security Committee (QSC) will be held on 24 April 2014 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am at the More detailed information about the venue, including access arrangements, will be distributed with the papers for the meeting.

The agenda will comprise an ordinary meeting of the QSC, followed by a demonstration of Queensland Police Service specialist response capabilities, in line with the interest expressed by QSC members in such a demonstration when they were briefed on these capabilities last year.

Attached for your information is More detailed information about the venue, including access arrangements, will be distributed with the papers for the meeting.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact either Mr Michael Prain in my office on telephone (07) or Mr Adrian Pate from my department by email at adrian.pate@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07).

Yours sincerely,

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

*Encls
Dear Treasurer,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent Business Advisory Forum meetings, and invite you to join the next forum discussion coming up in May.

The first meeting of 2014 held in February saw a broad and informed discussion focused on *The Queensland Plan*. Topics discussed ranged from developing regional Queensland and increasing spending on infrastructure, to improving education and language opportunities in our schools.

The feedback received from this meeting was recorded and used to inform a single Business Advisory Forum submission for *The Queensland Plan* consultation process.

The next forum will be held on Friday 30 May 2014, with the topic of ‘game-changers’. As always, the success of this forum will depend on the contribution of the forum members.

I am asking members to come to the meeting prepared to share their views on what they think the one thing — or the game-changer idea is — that the Queensland Government could do to make a huge difference in their industry and/or area of interest. This one thing could be a change in regulation, infrastructure or project funding, or significant reform — I am really looking for blue sky thinking.

To set the scene for the discussion, I have invited Dr Matthew Peter, Chief Economist for Queensland Investment Corporation, to provide us with his perspective on the state of the federal economy and the effect of this on the Queensland economy.

I am hoping you are also available to attend this meeting to listen to, and participate in, the discussion. It will also provide an opportunity for you to give an update on the *Strong Choices* campaign.

The forum will be held in the Pine Rivers Room, News Corp Australia, corner of Mayne Road and Campbell Street, Bowen Hills. The forum will run from 7.00 to 9.00 am, with breakfast being served from 7.00 to 7.30 am.
Following the forum, Mr Sean Ryan, State Director Queensland, News Corp has kindly offered a tour of News Corp's premises. Car parking for the morning is available at the front of the building.

To RSVP, please respond to Ms Bronwyn Davies, Senior Functions and Protocol Coordinator, Protocol Queensland before 16 May 2014 on telephone (07) 3... or by email at bronwyn.davies@premiers.qld.gov.au. Ms Davies will also be able to answer any questions about the venue, and register your interest for the tour. Please note, as with all forum meetings, this is a personal invitation and is not transferable.

For further information about the forums, I invite you to contact my Executive Officer, Ms Kate Davies, on telephone (07) 3... Ms Davies will be emailing you closer to the forum to provide some further information and questions in preparation for your contributions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I hope to see you at the forum.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

CAMPBELL NEWMAN
6 May 2014

The Hon Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter requesting approval for leave from Friday 27th June to Sunday 6th July 2014 inclusive to...

I provide approval for this leave and I note that the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads will act as Treasurer and Minister for Trade during this period.

My office will advise the Cabinet Secretary, State Affairs, Ministerial Services and the Hon Scott Emerson MP’s office of these acting arrangements.

If you require any clarification please contact Kate Winter in my office on (07)...

Yours sincerely,

CAMPBELL NEWMAN
2 2 APR 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier,

I write to seek leave for the period Friday 27 June to Sunday 6 July 2014 inclusive.

This leave is requested to enable me to S39 (3) (b) following the 2014 - 2015 State Budget.

The Minister for Transport and Main Roads, The Hon Scott Emerson, has agreed to be the Acting Treasurer and Minister for Trade during the above period, should the leave be granted.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
Queensland Government

Treasurer and Minister for Trade

- 2 APR 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QL 4000

Dear Premier Cam,

I write to seek leave from the Community Cabinet scheduled for 25 and 26 May 2014.

The purpose of my request is that with the Federal Budget being delivered on 13 May followed by the State Budget three weeks later it is crucial that I remain in Brisbane at the time of the Community Cabinet meeting. This will enable me to deal with matters arising from the Federal Budget that impact on Queensland and the subsequent delivery of the State Budget on 3 June.

No doubt you will appreciate that Budget takes precedence over all other matters at this time of the year and it is regrettable that the timing of this community cabinet coincides with the final days of budget preparations.

I trust you will understand my position in this regard and grant leave to ensure that the 2014-15 State Budget can be delivered without impediment.

I look forward to receiving your response at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
31 MAR 2014

The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
GPO Box 611
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Treasurer

As you are aware, a revised Queensland Ministerial Handbook has been approved and was published on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Internet site and Ministerial Intranet on Friday 28 March 2014.

The handbook has been rewritten to remove unnecessary duplication of information and adopt plain English wording to ensure the handbook clearly and simply explains Government processes.

Amendments to the handbook include:

- replacing payment of actual travel meal expenses for Ministers and Assistant Ministers with the payment of travel meal and incidental allowances as per the Australian Taxation Office Taxation Determination TD 2013/16 on reasonable domestic travel expense amounts where travel involves an overnight absence
- replacing the option for staff to claim allowances or actual expenses with the payment of travel meal and incidental allowances as per the Australian Taxation Office Taxation Determination TD 2013/16 on reasonable domestic travel expense amounts where travel involves an overnight absence
- allowing staff to claim reasonable actual travel meal expenses for same day travel
- removal of reasonable limits for domestic travel meals as they are now to be paid by allowances
- clarifying that domestic limitations on working meals of in-house provision and meal limits do not apply to working meals while overseas.
- clarifying that the limitation on access by current Ministers to records of a past government of a different political party does not preclude access provisions through established right to information procedures and other established protocols governing the release of such records.
I also advise that the Director-General of my department will update the directives under the *Ministerial and Other Office Holder Staff Act 2010* relating to travel allowances to align with the handbook changes.

Ministerial Services within my department will work with your Chiefs of Staff to ensure that all ministerial staff are made aware of the changes in the revised handbook.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN
Premier of Queensland

The Hon Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
Level 9, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Treasurer,

Thank you for your letter of 3 February 2014 requesting approval for the Hon Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, to act as Treasurer and Minister for Trade for the period from 18 to 23 February 2014. I understand you will be absent during this period.

I provide approval for this acting arrangement and note that you will be absent from the Community Cabinet Meeting on 24 February 2014, due to being unable to travel after the operation.

If you require any clarification please contact Kate Winter in my office on (07) 73.

Yours sincerely,

CAMPBELL NEWMAN
3 FEB 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier,

Further to my letter of 31 January, I write to seek leave for the period 18 to 23 February, 2014.

This leave is requested to return to work on Monday, 24 February 2014.

Arrangements have been made for the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, The Hon Scott Emerson, to be the Acting Treasurer and Minister for Trade during my absence.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
31 JAN 2014

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Executive Building
Level 15, 100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier

I am writing to seek leave from the Community Cabinet being held in Tully and Mission Beach from Sunday 23 to Monday 24 February 2014.

In anticipation of my request being granted, the following arrangements have been made for the community deputations. Assistant Minister Deb Frecklington, along with the Under Treasurer, Mark Gray, will take the deputations and my Senior Policy Advisor, Russell Silver-Thomas will also attend.

I look forward to receiving your advice in this regard at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
Mitchell Redford

From: Mitchell Redford
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2014 5:20 PM
To: Campbell Newman
Subject: Re: Declined: Members' Briefing

All good - he knows what it's all about

> On 20 Mar 2014, at 5:18 pm, "Campbell Newman"<Campbell.Newman@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:
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> PREMIER WILL BE ON THE ROAD AND UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE.
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