Message from the Treasurer

This Report on State Finances incorporates Queensland's Outcomes Report and AASB1049 Financial Statements for the General Government Sector (GGS) and Whole of Government (Total State Sector), providing a comprehensive analysis of Government's finances for the 2015-16 financial year.

The Outcomes Report

The Outcomes Report contains financial statements that are prepared and presented in accordance with the Uniform Presentation Framework (UPF) agreed to at the 1991 Premiers' Conference and revised in 2008 to align with AASB 1049 Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting. The primary objective of the UPF is to provide uniform and comparable reporting of Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments' financial information.

Queensland's annual Budget was prepared in accordance with the UPF. The Outcomes Report compares achieved financial results with revised forecasts contained in the 2016-17 Budget papers.

The UPF presentation is primarily structured on a sectoral basis with a focus on the General Government and Public Non-financial Corporations sectors.

The AASB 1049 Financial Statements

The AASB 1049 Financial Statements outline the operations of the Queensland Government on an accrual basis in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1049 and other applicable standards. The statements present the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flows of the Queensland Total State Sector on a consolidated basis and the GGS on a partially consolidated basis.

AASB 1049 was released in October 2007. The standard aims to harmonise the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) and Accounting Standard frameworks. The GFS reporting framework, developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), is based on international statistical standards and allows comprehensive assessments to be made of the economic impact of government. A full set of financial statements is required for both the GGS and Total State Sector. Comparison is with the prior year, though the GGS financial statements also require analysis of variances between original budget and actuals.

Financial statements for the General Government, Public Non-financial Corporations and Public Financial Corporations sectors are disclosed in the disaggregated information note to the financial statements (Note 2).

A full list of consolidated entities is disclosed in Note 49 of the financial statements.

Where applicable, comparatives have been restated to agree with changes in presentation in the financial statements for the current reporting period and to correct timing differences and/or errors from prior periods.

Related Publications

This report complements other key publications relating to the financial performance of the Queensland Public Sector including:

- the annual Budget papers;
- Budget updates including the Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review;
- the Treasurer's Consolidated Fund Financial Report; and
- the annual reports of the various departments, statutory bodies, Government-owned corporations and other entities that comprise the Queensland Government.

I note the assurances of Treasury officials that both the Outcomes Report and the audited financial statements are presented on a true and fair basis and that the independent auditor's report is unqualified.

In endorsing this report, I place on record my appreciation of the professionalism and co-operation extended to Queensland Treasury by agency personnel and of the Treasury staff involved in its preparation.

HON. CURTIS PITT MP
Treasurer
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Minister for Sport