

A. Full responses from entities

As mandated in Section 64 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, the Queensland Audit Office gave a copy of this report with a request for comments to the:

- Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing
- Minister for Employment and Small Business, Minister for Training and Skills Development and Minister for Youth Justice
- Director-General, Department of Education
- Director-General, Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training.

We also provided a copy of the report with an invitation to respond to the:

- Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of TAFE Queensland
- chancellors and vice-chancellors of the 7 universities
- principals and chairs of the 8 grammar schools.

This appendix contains the detailed responses we received.

The heads of these entities are responsible for the accuracy, fairness, and balance of their comments.



Comments received from Director-General, Department of Education



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Mr Brendan Worrall
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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for your email dated 26 May 2023 providing a copy of your report to Parliament titled *Education 2022* (the Report) concerning the audit of entities in Queensland in the education sector. I note a copy was also provided to the Honourable Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing.

I appreciate the opportunity to review the Report and I thank you and your team for your collaborative approach. The Report provides valuable information that the Department of Education will focus on to continue to strengthen the security of our information system.

The department will ensure that reviews of the security of our information systems and asset management of our educational entities are completed in a timely manner. Information derived from the assessments will be valuable in assisting the department to support the maintenance of our assets (both physical and digital), which need to be fit-for-purpose to deliver on our *Equity and Excellence: realising the potential of every student* strategy.

The department accepts the recommendations of this Report and will continue to monitor, address and implement these recommendations.

If you or your team require further information or assistance, please contact [REDACTED]

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Queensland Audit Office.

Yours sincerely

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Comments received from Director-General, Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training



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Mr Brendan Worrall
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Dear Brendan

Thank you for your email dated 26 May 2023 regarding your proposed report *Education 2022* and for the opportunity to provide feedback on the report.

The Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training (DYJESBT) acknowledges the report and accepts its findings and recommendations.

The findings related to cyber security are noted and DYJESBT acknowledges the importance of continuing to ensure the entity's information systems are continually strengthened to avoid potential threats to the entity's data.

DYJESBT's adoption of a risk-based methodology for future asset condition assessment programs allows the delivery of a prioritised maintenance program in keeping with the broader Queensland Government asset maintenance statutory requirements and ensures state-owned training infrastructure can meet strategic and operational priorities.

DYJESBT will continue to work alongside TAFE Queensland and with central agencies to consider strategies to support TAFE Queensland's broader financial sustainability.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the report.

Yours sincerely

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