

## Appendix A: Concessions statement

### Context

The Queensland Government provides a wide range of concessions across a variety of services and products. In addition to targeted discounts, rebates and subsidies for Queenslanders based on eligibility criteria relating to factors such as age, income and special needs or disadvantage, broader concession arrangements are in place to reduce the price paid by all consumers in areas such as transport, electricity and water.

The majority of Queenslanders benefit from at least one concession and in many cases may benefit from multiple concessions each year. For example, aged pensioners are eligible for a number of Queensland Government concessions, such as discounts on their council rates, water, gas and electricity bills, vehicle registration fees as well as subsidised optometry and dental services.

Further information on the eligibility requirements and benefits of a range of Government concessions can be found at:

<https://campaigns.premiers.qld.gov.au/smart-savings/>.

### Focus

This statement highlights the cost and nature of concessions provided by the Queensland Government. It covers both concessions that are direct Budget outlays (for example, fee subsidy payments), and concessions that are revenue foregone through fees and charges that are set at a lower rate than applies to the wider community or, in the case of broader concessions, the full cost of service provision.

Sections A.2 and A.3 set out the individual concessions by agency and government-owned corporation respectively, sorted in descending order. The total value of these concessions is estimated to be \$5.584 billion in 2018-19. This represents a significant Government and taxpayer commitment to improving the accessibility and affordability of a diverse range of services, and reducing the price paid by consumers of those services to ease cost of living pressures.

### Explanation of scope

For the purposes of this document, concessions include:

- discounts, rebates and subsidies to improve access to, and the affordability of, a range of services for individuals or families based on eligibility criteria relating to factors such as age, income and special needs or disadvantage
- concessional prices for Government services, where the price charged to all consumers is less than the full cost of service provision.

Both General Government and Public Non-financial Corporations (PNFC) Sector concessions are included. Where a payment is made from a General Government Sector agency to a PNFC entity for a concession arrangement, the expenditure is reported against the General Government Sector agency only to avoid double counting. To be included in this statement, concessions must meet the minimum materiality threshold of estimated expenditure or revenue foregone of \$50,000 in 2018-19.

Varying methods have been used to estimate the cost of concessions depending on the nature of the concessions, including:

- direct Budget outlay cost (for example, direct subsidy or rebate payments or Government's contribution in the case of items such as rental subsidies)
- revenue foregone (for example, concessional fees and charges)
- cost of goods and services provided.

For the purposes of illustration, the document often uses averages to demonstrate the potential value of the concession to consumers. However, averages are not reflective of individual circumstances, meaning the actual dollar value of the concession to consumers may vary from person to person.

The Concessions Statement does not include Tax Expenditures (for example, tax exemptions, reduced tax rates, tax rebates and deductions). Information on Tax Expenditures can be found in Appendix B – Tax expenditure statement.

## A.1 Concessions summary

Table A.1.1 Concession by entity<sup>1</sup>

Concession by entity	2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million	2018-19 Estimate \$ million
<b>Agency</b>		
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	32.4	43.6
Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors	366.3	383.8
Department of Education	124.8	131.6
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	429.7	453.1
Department of Environment and Science	8.8	7.1
Department of Housing and Public Works	450.7	461.6
Department of Justice and Attorney-General	91.2	93.1
Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy	825.8	795.6
Department of Transport and Main Roads	2,601.1	2,796.7
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	9.7	10.2
Queensland Health	295.5	281.7
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>5,236.1</b>	<b>5,458.1</b>
<b>Government-owned corporations</b>		
Energy Queensland	22.0	22.9
Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited	0.8	0.8
Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited	55.5	43.1
North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited	1.6	1.7
Port of Townsville Limited	5.7	5.8
Queensland Rail Limited	1.7	1.9
SunWater Limited	48.5	49.4
<b>Total Government-owned corporations</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>125.6</b>
<b>Total all entities</b>	<b>5,371.9</b>	<b>5,583.7</b>
Note:		
1. Numbers may not add due to rounding.		

## A.2 Concessions by agency

Table A.2.1 Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Concession	2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million	2018-19 Estimate \$ million
Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme (PIPES)	21.2	20.3
Drought Relief Assistance Scheme <sup>1</sup>	10.0	20.0
Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme <sup>2</sup>	0.1	1.7
Farm Management Grant <sup>3</sup>	1.1	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>43.6</b>
Notes:		
1. The 2017-18 estimated actual is lower than previously anticipated due to improved climatic conditions across the State. In 2018-19 the Government is providing funding of up to \$20 million, held centrally, for the continuation of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.		
2. The variance is due to the commencement of the scheme (June 2018) and an anticipated increased take up of the scheme during 2018-19.		
3. The variance is due to an anticipated increased take up of the grants in 2018-19, as a result of the expansion of a targeted communications strategy.		

### Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme (PIPES)

PIPES is administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) and provides concessional rates of interest on loans to eligible primary producers in need of financial assistance. First Start Loans and Sustainability Loans of up to \$2 million and \$1.3 million respectively support applicants to enter primary production and to improve productivity and sustainability. The average concessional interest rate for new lending is 3.24%. The amounts shown in the above table represent the fair values of the interest rate concessions pertaining to loans issued in each of the financial years shown.

### Drought Relief Assistance Scheme

The Drought Relief Assistance Scheme provides freight subsidies and emergency water infrastructure rebates to support producers and communities that have been affected by drought conditions across the State. Freight subsidies of up to 50% and emergency water infrastructure rebates of up to 50% are available to eligible applicants, up to a maximum of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 per property, per financial year.

### Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme

The *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027* requires vessel tracking on all commercial fishing boats by 2020 to assist in the management of Queensland Fisheries. This initiative is designed to assist commercial fishers by providing rebates up to prescribed amounts, to offset the cost of purchasing and installing approved vessel tracking units.

### **Farm Management Grant**

The Farm Management Grant aims to assist eligible Queensland primary producers, or their relatives, to offset the costs of professional advice associated with succession planning. The grant provides rebates of up to 50% of the amount paid for professional advice, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per financial year.

**Table A.2.2 Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Electricity Rebate Scheme <sup>1,2</sup>	181.0	195.5
Electricity Asset Ownership Dividend	100.0	100.0
Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme	53.0	53.6
South East Queensland Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme	18.0	18.2
Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme	8.1	10.0
Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme <sup>2</sup>	2.3	2.3
Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme	2.5	2.6
Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme <sup>2</sup>	1.5	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>366.3</b>	<b>383.8</b>
Notes:		
1. The variance is due to the estimated growth in recipients, particularly Health Care Card holders.		
2. Electricity price linked rebates are adjusted annually according to the Queensland Competition Authority's (QCA) price determination for general household electricity tariff (Tariff 11). For 2018-19, the QCA determined Tariff 11 will decrease by 1.3%. However, existing rebate values will not be decreased and will continue to apply in 2018-19.		

### **Electricity Rebate Scheme**

The Electricity Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to approximately \$341 per annum, to assist with the cost of domestic electricity supply to the home of eligible holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, a Queensland Seniors Card or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (and receive a War Widow/er Pension or special rate Totally or Permanently Incapacitated Pension).

Additionally, the rebate was extended to Commonwealth Health Care Card Holders and asylum seekers from 1 January 2017, allowing an estimated 157,000 additional Queensland families to access the rebate.

### **Electricity Asset Ownership Dividend**

The Electricity Asset Ownership Dividend is providing Queensland households with a \$50 electricity rebate in 2017-18 and 2018-19. This initiative is funded from the dividends of Queensland's government-owned corporations and forms part of the \$2 billion Affordable Energy Plan.

### **Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme**

The Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme offers a 20% subsidy (up to a maximum of \$200 per annum) to lessen the impact of local government rates and charges on pensioners, thereby assisting them to continue to live in their own homes.

### **South East Queensland Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme**

The South East Queensland (SEQ) Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme provides a subsidy of up to \$120 per annum to eligible pensioner property owners in the SEQ Water Grid to lessen the impact of water prices. This subsidy is in addition to the Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme.

### **Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme**

The Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme provides emergency assistance of up to \$720 once in a two year period to assist low income households experiencing a short-term financial crisis and who are unable to pay their current electricity and/or reticulated natural gas account. It is not a requirement for the claimant to hold a concession card.

### **Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme**

The Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme is aimed at assisting seriously ill people who use home based life support systems by providing a rebate of up to approximately \$694 per annum for users of oxygen concentrators and a rebate of up to approximately \$465 per annum for users of kidney dialysis machines to meet their electricity costs. The concession is paid quarterly and is subject to the patient being medically assessed in accordance with Queensland Health eligibility criteria.

### **Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme**

The Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to approximately \$73 per annum to assist with the cost of reticulated natural gas supplied to the home of eligible holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Queensland Seniors Card or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (and receive the War Widow/er Pension or special rate Totally or Permanently Incapacitated Pension).

### **Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme**

The Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme provides a rebate of up to approximately \$341 per annum for eligible concession card holders with a medical condition who have dependence on air conditioning to regulate body temperature.

**Table A.2.3 Department of Education**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Textbook and Resource Allowance <sup>1</sup>	57.9	61.2
School Transport Assistance for Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>	40.7	43.7
Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme <sup>2</sup>	8.3	8.4
Tuition Fee Exemptions/Waivers - Dependants of International Students <sup>2</sup>	6.8	7.0
Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme <sup>2</sup>	6.0	6.2
Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus Residential Facility	2.7	2.7
Spinifex State College - Mount Isa Student Residential Facility	1.1	1.1
Distance Education - Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme	0.8	0.8
Distance Education - Non-Government Student Fee Subsidy	0.5	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>131.6</b>
Notes:		
1. The variance is due to a combination of indexation and student enrolment growth.		
2. The variance is due to indexation.		

### **Textbook and Resource Allowance**

The Textbook and Resource Allowance is available for all parents/caregivers of secondary school age students attending State and approved non-government schools, to assist with the cost of textbooks and learning resources. Parents generally sign over this allowance to the school to reduce the fees associated with participating in the school's textbook and resource scheme. In 2018, the rates per annum are \$125 for students in Years 7 to 10 and \$271 for students in Years 11 and 12.

### **School Transport Assistance for Students with Disabilities**

School Transport Assistance for Students with Disabilities is provided for eligible students to attend State school programs that meet their individual education needs. This transport assistance includes the provision of taxis or specialised contracted minibuses, payment of fares on regular buses or trains, or an allowance for parents who drive their children to school. The benefit level is to a maximum of \$400 per week, per student, however in exceptional circumstances higher amounts may be approved. A separate scheme is in place for students with disabilities attending non-government schools (refer 'Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme').

The Department of Education is working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to establish a long-term solution for the delivery of school transport assistance for students with disabilities under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

### **Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme**

The Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme provides financial assistance to support Queensland families and targets geographically isolated families. The scheme meets the costs of children who are required to live away from home to attend schools. This concession is available to Queensland students attending both state and non-government schools. The benefits available for eligible students in 2018 are:

- Remote Area Allowance - assistance of \$2,354 per annum is available to students attending campuses of the Australian Agricultural College Corporation in lieu of Year 11 and 12.
- Remote Area Tuition Allowance - primary students up to \$3,744 per annum and secondary students up to \$5,391 per annum.
- Remote Area Travel Allowance - available where the distance from the family home to the boarding location is at least 50km. Benefit levels depend on the distance travelled, and range from \$142 to a maximum of \$1,727 per annum.
- Remote Area Disability Supplement - available to students with disabilities who incur additional costs associated with living away from home to attend school. Benefits are up to \$7,659 per student per annum.

### **Tuition Fee Exemptions/Waivers - Dependants of International Students**

This concession is available for dependants of international students. It allows students who meet the approved exemption criteria, and wish to enrol their child in Preparatory Year (Prep) to Year 12 of schooling, to be exempt from paying dependant tuition fees. The exemption only applies for the duration of the main temporary visa holder's (parent) course of study in Queensland. A dependant student (Prep to Year 12) of a temporary visa holder may also be eligible for a tuition fee waiver in certain circumstances, including financial hardship. The estimated average amount exempted or waived per student is \$7,818 for the 2018-19 financial year.

### **Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme**

The Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme assists families by providing funding towards the transport costs of students attending non-government schools outside of the Brisbane City Council area. Under the scheme, reimbursement is provided for transport expenses above a set weekly threshold amount. In 2018, the threshold is \$33 per week for families, or \$25 for families with a Health Care Card, Pensioner or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card.

The program also assists families of students with disabilities who attend a non-government school. The level of assistance provided is dependent on the type of transport needed and travel assistance already provided by DTMR. For families using taxis, assistance is capped at \$300 per week.

The Department of Education is working with DTMR to establish a long-term solution for the delivery of school transport assistance for students with disabilities under the NDIS.

### **Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus Residential Facility**

The Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus Residential Facility provides affordable residential accommodation for secondary school students in a boarding facility. The concession particularly targets secondary school students from rural and remote communities, however, any secondary age student is eligible. Students accommodated at the residential facility are enrolled at Dalby State High School and participate in agricultural education programs.

### **Spinifex State College - Mount Isa Student Residential Facility**

The Spinifex State College - Mount Isa Student Residential Facility provides an affordable residential facility in Mount Isa for students from the north-western area of the State whose home community does not provide secondary schooling. The funding meets the cost of wages for the residential college, increasing the affordability of the accommodation rates charged to students.

### **Distance Education - Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme**

The Distance Education - Information and Communication Technology Subsidy Scheme provides assistance to students enrolled in a school of distance education that are geographically isolated or in the medical category.

The scheme provides \$250 per annum to assist with purchasing, replacing or upgrading computer hardware for students in the distance/geographically isolated and medical categories, and \$500 per annum to assist students in the distance/geographically isolated category to meet the costs of broadband internet access and download charges for the home classroom. Eligible students also receive access to free software licences.

### **Distance Education - Non-Government Student Fee Subsidy**

The Distance Education - Non-Government Student Fee Subsidy is available to students who are enrolled in non-government schools and also choose to access distance education subjects. It provides an average annual subsidy of approximately \$1,343 per distance education subject enrolment.

This subsidises approximately 50% of the total average cost per annum of providing a subject through distance education for non-government school students. The concession contributes towards the State continuing to make distance education available to non-government schools, ensuring the widest possible subject choice for students, while recovering a proportion of the teaching and overhead costs.

**Table A.2.4 Department of Employment, Small Business and Training**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
User Choice - Apprentice and Trainee Training Subsidy <sup>1</sup>	191.5	202.0
Vocation Education and Training (VET) - Certificate 3 Guarantee Tuition Fee Subsidy <sup>1</sup>	172.8	182.1
VET - Higher Level Skills Tuition Fee Subsidy <sup>1</sup>	63.4	67.0
Travel and Accommodation Subsidy	2.0	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>429.7</b>	<b>453.1</b>
Note:		
1. The variance is due to the anticipated increase in activity due to the demand driven nature of the programs.		

### **User Choice - Apprentice and Trainee Training Subsidy**

The User Choice - Apprentice and Trainee Training Subsidy program provides government funding towards the costs of training and assessment for eligible Queensland apprentices and trainees or complementary pathways leading to apprenticeship and traineeship outcomes. The subsidy is available to public and private registered training organisations (pre-approved as pre-qualified suppliers) to subsidise tuition fees to reduce the cost of required accredited, entry level training for apprentices and trainees. The program provides greater flexibility for apprentices, trainees and their employers to select a preferred registered training organisation and to negotiate the type of training to meet their specific needs.

The value of this subsidy for each qualification ranges from \$1,140 to \$50,720 depending on the eligibility and qualification subsidised. The average subsidy value is \$9,007.

### **Vocation Education and Training (VET) - Certificate 3 Guarantee Tuition Fee Subsidy**

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Certificate 3 Guarantee Tuition Fee Subsidy provides a government subsidy to allow eligible Queenslanders to obtain their first post-school Certificate III qualification to help them gain a job or to improve their employment status. The subsidy is available to private and public registered training organisations (pre-approved as pre-qualified suppliers) to subsidise tuition fees paid by students undertaking eligible vocation education and training qualifications (primarily Certificate III qualifications).

The value of this subsidy for each qualification ranges from \$440 to \$6,260 depending on the eligibility and qualification subsidised. The average subsidy value is \$2,836.

### **VET - Higher Level Skills Tuition Fee Subsidy**

The VET Higher Level Skills Tuition Fee Subsidy provides a government subsidy to eligible students and employers to undertake a priority Certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma or industry endorsed skill set. This program will help individuals gain employment in a critical occupation, career advancement in a priority industry or transition to university to continue their studies. The subsidy is available to private and public registered training organisations (pre-approved as pre-qualified suppliers) to subsidise tuition fees paid by students undertaking eligible vocational education and training qualifications at Certificate IV or above.

The value of this subsidy for each qualification ranges from \$1,105 to \$8,190 depending on the eligibility and qualification subsidised. The average subsidy value is \$4,078.

### **Travel and Accommodation Subsidy**

The Travel and Accommodation Subsidy provides financial assistance to Queensland apprentices and trainees for travel expenses incurred in attending off the job training at a registered training organisation. To be eligible, apprentices must attend the closest registered training organisation that offers the required qualification and travel a minimum of 100 kilometres (km) return from their usual place of residence to the registered training organisation. The subsidy provides for:

- return land travel to the registered training organisation of 15 cents per km for distances between 100-649 km, increasing to 19 cents per km for distances between 650-1,400 km
- cost of ferry travel if necessary
- a return economy air ticket to the location of the registered training organisation if necessary
- accommodation assistance of \$28 per day for overnight stay within Queensland and \$68 for interstate travellers, if it is necessary to live away from their usual place of residence to attend training.

**Table A.2.5 Department of Environment and Science**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Arts concessional entry fees	2.0	2.0
Tour fee and access permit concessions	1.6	1.6
Queensland Museum - Arts concessional entry fees	1.5	1.5
Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Venue hire rebates	0.6	0.6
State Library of Queensland - Venue hire rebates	0.5	0.5
Arts Queensland - Discount on property lease rentals <sup>1</sup>	0.7	0.4
Arts Queensland - Venue hire rebates	0.3	0.3
Queensland Art Gallery - Arts concessional entry fees <sup>2</sup>	1.6	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Notes:		
1. The decrease from 2017-18 estimated actual to 2018-19 budget is mainly due to a reduction in the market rental assessment for Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts budgeting a 5% vacancy rate in 2018-19 and the planned six months closure of Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns for renovation.		
2. Decrease in concessions in 2018-19 is due to the major exhibition in 2018-19 (The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art) being a free exhibition. Overall concession in previous year was higher as a result of better than expected attendance at Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe and a greater than expected proportion of concession holders.		

**Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Arts concessional entry fees**

Concessional entry fees are offered for specific Queensland Performing Arts Trust productions and to provide support for other not-for-profit theatre companies to enable tickets to be sold at concessional prices. The level of concession provided varies depending on the number and size of events being held each year.

**Tour fee and access permit concessions**

Tour fee, access permit and camping fee concessions are available in specified protected areas including David Fleay Wildlife Park, Mon Repos Conservation Park, St Helena Island National Park, Walk-About Creek Wildlife Centre, Fort Lytton National Park, Cooloola Recreation Area, Moreton Island and Fraser Island.

**Queensland Museum - Arts concessional entry fees**

Queensland Museum provides concessional entry fees to seniors, students, children, families and a variety of concession card holders for ticketed exhibitions at Queensland Museum and Sciencentre and for general entry to Cobb & Co Museum Toowoomba, The Workshops Rail Museum Ipswich and Museum of Tropical Queensland Townsville. Concessions are also provided to targeted groups, such as schools, to encourage visits to museums. The level of concession provided varies depending on the venue and the event.

### **Queensland Performing Arts Trust - Venue hire rebates**

Venue hire rebates are offered to Government funded cultural organisations, charitable organisations, government departments and educational institutions. Organisations currently receiving discounts are Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Opera Queensland, Queensland Theatre Company and Queensland Ballet.

### **State Library of Queensland - Venue hire rebates**

State Library of Queensland provides venue hire concessions to targeted community and non-profit groups including cultural and charitable organisations and educational institutions in order to support events and programs directly linked to State Library of Queensland's services, programs and activities.

### **Arts Queensland - Discount on property lease rentals**

Property lease rentals are provided to arts and cultural organisations at a discount from market rental rates at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts and the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts. Discounts range from 20% to 100% of the market rate (dependent on location) of the commercial office space. Further discounts on specialist rehearsal and gallery space are given as negotiated at the time of entering the lease and dependent on the individual arts or cultural organisation and its funding.

### **Arts Queensland - Venue hire rebates**

Venue hire rebates support Queensland Government funded arts organisations and professional artists to develop and present new work at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts and the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts.

### **Queensland Art Gallery - Arts concessional entry fees**

Queensland Art Gallery's ticket prices are set to ensure that they are affordable and to maximise attendance, with additional concessions provided to seniors, students, children, families and a variety of concession card holders. The purpose of the Queensland Art Gallery Arts concessional entry fees concession is to contribute to the cultural, social and intellectual development of Queenslanders, and encourage diverse audiences.

**Table A.2.6 Department of Housing and Public Works**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Government managed housing rental rebate <sup>1</sup>	396.4	406.1
National Rental Affordability Scheme <sup>2</sup>	28.4	29.3
Home Assist Secure <sup>2</sup>	19.0	19.0
Non-residential buildings - subsidised rents	5.6	5.9
Rental Bond Loans	1.0	1.0
Queensland Recreation Centres - Concessional usage rates	0.3	0.3
Non-government managed housing <sup>3</sup>	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>450.7</b>	<b>461.6</b>
Notes:		
1. The variance is primarily due to lower forecast growth in tenant rental income.		
2. The variance is due to the expected increase in the indexation rate for the 2018-19 scheme.		
3. The value of this concession arrangement cannot be easily quantified.		

### **Government managed housing rental rebate**

The Government managed housing rental rebate targets low income families and individuals and represents the difference between the rents that would be payable in the private market and rent that is charged by Government based on household income.

Assistance is provided to approximately 53,000 households. The estimated average yearly subsidy per household for 2018-19 is \$7,623.

### **National Rental Affordability Scheme**

The National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) is an Australian Government initiative, delivered in partnership with the Queensland Government, to increase the supply of new affordable rental housing. The scheme provides financial incentives to investors to build well located dwellings and rent them to eligible low to moderate income households, at a discounted rate at least 20% below market rent.

Under the scheme, the concession to the tenant is provided by the property owner. Due to the nature of the arrangement, the overall value of the concession to the tenant cannot be quantified. In 2018-19, the Government has allocated \$29.3 million for the payment of financial incentives to NRAS investors who are then required to discount rents to tenants.

### **Home Assist Secure**

Home Assist Secure provides free safety related information and referrals, and subsidised assistance to eligible clients unable to undertake or pay for critical maintenance services without assistance. To be considered for assistance, home owners or tenants over the age of 60 or of any age with a disability must hold a Pensioner Concession Card and be unable to complete the work themselves. In addition, they must be unable to access assistance from other services. Subsidised assistance can be undertaken for maintenance, repairs and minor modifications where the total cost for any one job or service does not exceed \$1,500. Labour costs (up to \$500 per household per year) for the assistance provided are subsidised by Home Assist Secure while the balance of the costs (including all materials) are met by the client.

Home Assist Secure targets home owners and those in rental housing who are over 60 years of age or have a disability, and who require assistance to remain living in their home. In 2018-19, \$19 million in grants to Home Assist Secure providers will be issued to ensure the ongoing delivery of assistance to those in greatest need. It is estimated that over 47,500 households will be assisted.

### **Non-residential buildings - subsidised rents**

Accommodation is provided to 40 community, education, arts and not-for-profit organisations in Government owned non-residential buildings. Tenures for the occupancies are by way of leases, licences or month to month arrangements. Rents paid by the organisations are often below independently assessed market rent levels. Subsidised rental arrangements are provided to 24 properties comprising a total floor area of approximately 25,038 square metres. The total subsidy is calculated by deducting the actual amount paid by the occupants from the total estimated annual market rent for the office space.

### **Rental Bond Loans**

The Government provides interest-free rental bond loans equivalent to a maximum amount of four weeks rent to people who cannot afford to pay a full bond to move into private rental accommodation; reducing the need for more costly, subsidised housing assistance. The interest-free bond loan targets low-income households and can stabilise tenancies, prevent households from entering the cycle of homelessness and engaging with fringe, high interest credit providers. The concession represents the interest saving for the client on the bond loan. In 2018-19, \$27.7 million in bond loans will be advanced to an estimated 24,000 clients.

### **Queensland Recreation Centres - Concessional usage rates**

Concessional usage rates are offered to students and children 17 years and under, for the use of Queensland Recreation Centres at Currimundi and Tallebudgera. These concessional rates provide a discount of between 3.25% to 18% of the full charge to approximately 34,000 recipients.

**Non-government managed housing**

The Government provides contributions to social housing providers, including capital grants, granted land or properties, or recurrent funding, to assist in increasing housing affordability and access to social housing. Due to the nature of the arrangement, the overall value of the concession provided by the Government cannot be easily quantified.

Rents charged for social housing managed by the providers are based on 25% of a household's assessable income or the market rent, whichever is lower, which may substantially reduce accommodation costs for eligible individuals and families.

**Table A.2.7 Department of Justice and Attorney-General**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Public Trustee of Queensland - Concessions	36.2	37.7
Court Services - Civil Court	22.8	24.2
Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal <sup>1</sup>	19.4	18.7
Blue Card - Volunteer Applicants	10.6	10.3
Body Corporate and Community Management - Dispute Resolution	2.2	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>93.1</b>
Note:		
1. The variance is mainly due to the decrease in the Tribunal's rental expenses in 2018-19.		

**Public Trustee of Queensland - Concessions**

The Public Trustee of Queensland (the Public Trustee) is a self-funding organisation and uses a scale of fees which is designed to reflect a fair cost for the services provided.

The Public Trustee has established a safety net limit on the annual fees payable by certain clients which provides for a rebate of fees for some clients with limited assets. The rebate is applied to clients such as financial administration clients with impaired capacity, or estate administration clients of limited means. The Public Trustee also provides Will making services at no cost for all Queenslanders.

In addition, the Public Trustee provides funding to the Public Guardian and financial assistance under the Civil Law Legal Aid Scheme administered by Legal Aid Queensland, to enable these organisations to provide services to the people of Queensland.

### **Court Services - Civil Court**

The Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts hear civil disputes between two or more parties (people or organisations) where one party sues the other, usually to obtain compensation, or seek some other remedy. These disputes may involve anything from defamation to outstanding debts. Civil Court Fees are prescribed under the *Uniform Civil Procedure (Fees) Regulation 2009* for proceedings commenced in civil matters and are set below full cost recovery to ensure that civil remedies are accessible to all Queenslanders.

### **Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal**

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) is an independent tribunal which makes decisions and resolves disputes across a wide range of jurisdictions for the community. Fees for these services are below cost recovery to ensure services are accessible, fair and inexpensive. QCAT provides human rights services with no application fees for matters in guardianship and administration of adults, children and young people and anti-discrimination.

### **Blue Card - Volunteer Applicants**

Individuals providing child-related services or conducting child-related activities in regulated service environments are required to undergo an assessment of their police and relevant disciplinary information, and if approved, are issued with a blue card. A blue card is valid for three years unless cancelled or suspended earlier. The application fee for a blue card is \$90.25 (as at 1 July 2018). Since the inception of the blue card system in 2001, Government has met the cost of blue card assessment for volunteer applicants.

### **Body Corporate and Community Management - Dispute Resolution**

The Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate and Community Management provides a dispute resolution service to parties unable to resolve disputes themselves. The service consists of conciliation, with the aim of achieving a voluntary agreement, and adjudication, which results in a formal order. The service is delivered below full cost recovery so as to not restrict access to justice due to affordability reasons.

**Table A.2.8 Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy (excluding Isolated Systems) <sup>1</sup>	441.1	413.5
Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy for Isolated Systems	47.1	48.3
Powering Queensland Plan – Electricity Affordability Package	287.4	284.2
Affordable Energy Plan - Solar & Storage Interest Free Loans Scheme <sup>2</sup>	..	13.7
Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Savers Program	..	4.0
Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Savvy Families <sup>3</sup>	0.2	3.8
Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate <sup>4</sup>	19.8	..
Extending existing drought relief arrangements - Electricity Charge Scheme <sup>5</sup>	12.0	10.4
Cloncurry Pipeline Water Supply Subsidy	6.1	6.2
Extending existing drought relief arrangements - Water Licence Fee Waiver and Land Rental Rebates	4.2	4.2
Origin Energy - Uniform Tariff Policy	2.7	2.8
SunWater Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy <sup>6</sup>	3.1	2.4
Seqwater Bulk Water Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy	2.1	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>825.8</b>	<b>795.6</b>
<b>Notes:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The variance between 2017-18 estimated actual and 2018-19 budget is due to Energy Queensland assuming a lower Ergon Energy distribution charge relative to the Energex charges. This is consistent with the Australian Energy Regulator's decision for the two distribution businesses.</li> <li>2. This concession will commence in June 2018.</li> <li>3. This initiative provides digital electricity meters to eligible low-income families in regional Queensland to help them gain a greater understanding of when and how they use their electricity.</li> <li>4. The program commenced 1 January 2018 and closes 3 June 2018.</li> <li>5. The concessions can vary depending on the shires that are drought declared and the number of eligible customers.</li> <li>6. The decrease in the Community Service Obligation (CSO) for 2018-19 is largely due to the price path arrangements leading to a reduction in the concession required.</li> </ol>		

**Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy (excluding Isolated Systems)**

The Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy (excluding Isolated Systems) ensures that, where possible, all Queensland non-market electricity customers of a similar type pay a similar price for electricity regardless of where they live. As the notified prices do not reflect the full cost of electricity supply for most remote and regional Queenslanders, a subsidy is provided. The community service obligation (CSO) payment to the regional retailer Energy Queensland covers the difference between the revenue earned by charging customers notified prices and the actual costs in the regional areas (due to differences in network costs and energy losses).

### **Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy for Isolated Systems**

The Energy Queensland - Uniform Tariff Policy for Isolated Systems ensures that, where possible, all Queensland non-market electricity customers of a similar type pay a similar price for electricity regardless of where they live. Energy Queensland owns and operates 33 isolated power stations which supply electricity to remote and isolated Queensland communities. Energy Queensland retails electricity to these customers at the notified prices, and the Government provides funding to the retailer to cover the difference between the revenue earned and the cost of supplying electricity to these customers.

### **Powering Queensland Plan – Electricity Affordability Package**

The Powering Queensland Plan provided one-off funding in 2016-17 of \$771 million to support the stabilisation of electricity prices for Queensland consumers, by funding the removal of costs of the Solar Bonus Scheme from electricity prices for three years from 1 July 2017 and directing Energy Queensland to remove costs from network charges. This will place downward pressure on electricity prices for the typical household, and provide an average saving of \$51 for households and \$90 for small businesses, compared with the increase which would have occurred without Government intervention. It is estimated that the benefit to Queenslanders in 2018-19 as a result of this measure will be \$284.2 million.

### **Affordable Energy Plan - Solar & Storage Interest Free Loans Scheme**

This scheme is designed to assist households and small businesses address electricity affordability by providing upfront capital to those who otherwise would not have access to funds to invest in rooftop solar and battery energy storage technology.

### **Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Savers Program**

The \$20 million Business Energy Savers Program, an initiative under the Affordable Energy Plan, provides free energy audits for agricultural customers and large business customers, and co-contributions to fund energy efficiency upgrades. It includes a 3 year extension of the existing Energy Savers Plus Program (for agricultural businesses) and the Large Customer Adjustment Program (for large electricity users).

Under the expanded Energy Savers Plus Program, 200 additional audits for agricultural customers will be completed. In addition to this, co-contribution grants of up to \$20,000 will be made available to assist businesses in implementing the recommendations from the audit.

Under the expanded Large Customer Adjustment Program an additional 30 audits of large customers will be completed and co-contributions capped at up to \$250,000 will be made available to help encourage the business to implement the audit recommendations.

### **Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Savvy Families**

Under this plan, \$4 million has been provided over two years to enable the provision of digital electricity meters as well as providing educational material and information to low income families in regional Queensland to help them better understand and manage their energy use.

### **Affordable Energy Plan - Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate**

The program was designed to assist Queensland households improve their energy efficiency through providing a rebate to help purchase high energy efficient appliances. The program commenced on 1 January 2018 and closed 3 June 2018.

The rebates applied to purchases on or after 1 January 2018 for the following household appliances:

- \$200 for a 4 star or higher energy rated washing machine
- \$250 for a 4 star or higher energy rated refrigerator
- \$300 for a 4 star or higher energy rated air conditioner.

There was a limit of 1 rebate application per household.

### **Extending existing drought relief arrangements - Electricity Charge Scheme**

Drought Relief Arrangements provide relief to farming customers from fixed charges for electricity accounts that are used to pump water for farm or irrigation purposes during periods of drought. The concessions can vary depending on the shires that are drought declared and the number of eligible customers.

### **Cloncurry Pipeline Water Supply Subsidy**

North West Queensland Water Pipeline Limited (NWQWP), a SunWater Limited (SunWater) subsidiary, owns and operates the Cloncurry Pipeline between the Ernest Henry Mine and Cloncurry. The pipeline guarantees Cloncurry Shire Council's long-term water supply and supports industrial development in the region. As the construction and operation of the Cloncurry Water Pipeline is a non-commercial investment, the Government provides funding to NWQWP to ensure that SunWater receives a return on its investment in the pipeline.

### **Extending existing drought relief arrangements - Water Licence Fee Waiver and Land Rental Rebates**

As part of the Government's drought assistance package, the annual water licence fee of \$82 will be waived for 2018-19 for landholders in Local Government Areas (LGA) that are drought declared and other properties that are individually drought declared. The estimate is dependent on drought declarations and the demand for drought assistance.

Category 11 Grazing and Primary Production landholders under the *Land Act 1994* will also be eligible to a rent rebate in 2018-19. The rebate is available to lessees, other than those on minimum rent that are in a drought declared LGA and to individually drought declared properties. In addition to this rebate, drought declared landholders will be granted a hardship deferral for required rent payments.

### **Origin Energy - Uniform Tariff Policy**

The Origin Energy - Uniform Tariff Policy ensures that, where possible, all Queensland non-market electricity customers of a similar type pay the similar price for electricity regardless of where they live. Origin Energy retails electricity to approximately 5,450 Queensland non-market customers in the Goondiwindi, Texas and Inglewood areas who are supplied electricity through the New South Wales Essential Energy distribution network.

The Government provides a rebate to these customers, via a CSO payment to Origin Energy, to ensure they pay no more for electricity than similar customers in Queensland. Therefore, the CSO amount depends on the relative difference between Queensland and New South Wales retail electricity tariffs for non-market customers.

### **SunWater Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy**

SunWater owns and operates water supply schemes across regional Queensland. As the owner of SunWater, the Government decides how much to recover of SunWater's costs through irrigation prices. Currently, SunWater's irrigation water prices for some schemes are set below the level necessary to recover the cost of supplying water to the irrigators. Government funding is provided to SunWater to offset the reduced revenue and to ensure that increases in water prices paid by rural irrigation customers to recover costs are gradual.

### **Seqwater Bulk Water Rural Irrigation Water Price Subsidy**

Seqwater owns and operates water supply schemes across SEQ which also supply bulk water services to rural irrigation customers. Currently Seqwater's rural irrigation prices for some schemes are set below the level necessary to recover the cost of supplying water to the irrigators. Government funding is provided to Seqwater to offset the reduced revenue and to ensure that increases in water prices paid by rural irrigation customers to recover costs are gradual.

### **Urban Water Price Path**

As foreshadowed in the 2017-18 State Budget, the concessional period for the South East Queensland urban bulk water price path, which commenced in 2008, is ending as prices in South East Queensland converge to a common rate reflective of the actual cost of supply. Accordingly the Urban Water Price Path is not included in the 2018–19 Concession Statement and is not anticipated to be included in future years.

**Table A.2.9 Department of Transport and Main Roads**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
General Public Transport Concessions (South East Queensland) <sup>1</sup>	1,289.2	1,440.1
Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding	591.9	618.3
General Public Transport Concessions (Regional Queensland)	238.8	246.7
Vehicle and boat registration concessions	168.6	177.5
School Transport Assistance Scheme	133.8	138.1
TransLink Transport Concessions (South East Queensland)	74.3	75.6
Rail Concession Scheme	36.5	37.4
Livestock and Regional Freight Contracts	33.2	34.7
Other transport concessions (Regional Queensland) and taxi subsidies <sup>2</sup>	25.1	20.9
Designated Public Transport Concessions for Seniors Card Holders	3.8	3.8
Practical Driving Test	3.5	3.6
Commercial ship registration and licensing <sup>3</sup>	2.4	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,601.1</b>	<b>2,796.7</b>
<b>Notes:</b>		
1. The increase in 2018-19 is due to annual cost indexation, increased finance lease costs and availability and operator payments associated with the acquisition of New Generation Rollingstock.		
2. This concession is estimated to decrease in 2018-19 as the current concessions associated with the Taxi Subsidy Scheme will transition to the NDIS funding model.		
3. The reduction in the amount of concession is due to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) increasing its effort in regulating domestic commercial vessels while Maritime Safety Queensland has correspondingly reduced its efforts in this area. From 2018-19, AMSA will provide service delivery as national regulator to the commercial domestic vessel fleet and will also set and collect fees.		

### **General Public Transport Concessions (South East Queensland)**

The General Public Transport Concessions (South East Queensland) represents the direct funding contribution that Government makes towards the cost of operating public transport services within South East Queensland. This contribution effectively reduces the ticket price paid by all public transport users on bus, rail and ferry services, increasing the affordability of these services.

### **Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding**

Rail network and infrastructure funding ensures that the State supported rail network is safe, reliable and fit for purpose. The contract also provides funding to Queensland Rail to support major capital projects and related asset strategies. The funding provided via this contract directly benefits customers of the State supported rail network, including both freight and passengers. Without this funding, rail access charges (including public transport fares) would be significantly higher for all users of the rail network.

### **General Public Transport Concessions (Regional Queensland)**

The General Public Transport Concessions (Regional Queensland) represents the financial contribution that Government provides across a range of transport services in regional Queensland. The impact of this contribution benefits all public transport users through reduced transport fares. This concession covers:

- TravelTrain (excluding the 'Rail Concession Scheme' for eligible pensioners, veterans and seniors)
- subsidies for Kuranda Scenic Railway
- subsidies for Heritage Rail Services
- subsidies for regional bus and ferry operators (excluding concessional top up amounts and School Transport Assistance Scheme related amounts)
- subsidies for the Rail XPT Service (Sydney-Brisbane) and Savannahlander (Atherton Tableland)
- subsidies for air services to remote and rural communities within the State
- subsidies for long distance coach services to rural/remote communities within the State.

### **Vehicle and boat registration concessions**

Registration concessions for light and heavy motor vehicles and recreational boats are provided to holders of the Pensioner Concession Card, Queensland Seniors Card and to those assessed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs as meeting the necessary degree of incapacity or impairment. The concession is aimed at improving access to travel for pensioners, seniors and persons with a disability by providing a reduced rate of registration fees. For most eligible card holders, a concession for a family 4-cylinder vehicle would reduce the 12 month registration charge from \$321.35 to \$160.65. For a recreational boat up to and including 4.5 metres in length, the concession reduces the registration charge from \$86.75 to \$43.35 (based on registration charges at 1 July 2018).

A Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration concession is offered for motor vehicles that have low use associated with vintage and historic and street rod car club events. A 12 month registration for a 6-cylinder SIV concession reduces registration from \$508.85 to \$90.55. A concession is also available for specific purposes such as water, mineral or oil exploration and bee keeping. Other motor vehicle and recreational boat registration concessions are also provided to primary producers, local governments, charitable and community service organisations, and people living in remote areas without access to the wider road network.

### **School Transport Assistance Scheme**

The School Transport Assistance Scheme assists students that do not have a school in their local area or who are from defined low income groups with travel costs. The scheme provides funding to reduce the cost of travelling to school on bus, rail and/or ferry services, with allowances for private vehicle transport in certain circumstances. A typical concession would be to fully fund the cost of travel from home to the nearest State primary or high school where no local primary or high school is available (for example, from Bargara to Bundaberg High School).

### **TransLink Transport Concessions (South East Queensland)**

The TransLink Transport Concessions (South East Queensland) are provided by the Government to ensure access and mobility for Queenslanders who require assistance because of age, disability or fixed low income. Passengers entitled to receive public transport concessions include holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, Seniors Card (all states and territories), Companion Card, Vision Impairment Travel Pass, Total Permanent Incapacitated (TPI) Veteran Travel Pass, children, as well as secondary and tertiary students. In addition to these existing groups, concession groups now include Newstart and Youth Allowance (Job Seeker) recipients and asylum seekers. In February 2018, White Card Holders joined the groups eligible for public transport concessions. Under the new 2018 fares, for a peak one zone journey using a go card, the concession will reduce an adult fare from \$3.25 to \$1.63.

### **Rail Concession Scheme**

The Queensland Rail Concession Scheme improves the affordability of long distance and urban rail services for eligible pensioners, veterans, seniors and current/past rail employees with 25 years of service. Assistance for long distance rail services is provided through discounted fares and free travel vouchers. For TravelTrain (long distance rail) services, depending on the service, the concession may be for free travel for up to four trips per year for Queensland pensioners (subject to availability of seats and payment of an administration fee).

### **Livestock and Regional Freight Contracts**

The Livestock and Regional Freight Contracts provide funding to support the movement of cattle (via rail only) and freight (via road and rail) to and from regional areas of Queensland. The funding provided directly benefits the cattle industry and enables regional Queensland communities to maintain employment and directly benefits those communities who are reliant on rail freight services by reducing the cost of these freight services for users.

### **Other transport concessions (Regional Queensland) and taxi subsidies**

Other transport concessions (Regional Queensland) and taxi subsidies are provided by the Government to ensure access and mobility for Queenslanders who require assistance because of age, disability or fixed low income. Passengers entitled to receive public transport concessions include holders of a Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, Seniors Card (all states and territories), Companion Card, Vision Impairment Travel Pass, TPI Veteran Travel Pass, children, as well as secondary and tertiary students. In addition to these existing groups, new concession groups are to include Newstart and Youth Allowance (Job Seeker) recipients and asylum seekers. In February 2018, White Card holders were also added to these existing groups. The Taxi Subsidy Scheme aims to improve the mobility of persons with severe disabilities by providing a 50% concession fare up to a maximum subsidy of \$25 per trip.

Concessions associated with the Taxi Subsidy Scheme are transitioning to the NDIS funding model.

### Designated Public Transport Concessions for Seniors Card Holders

Designated Public Transport Concessions for Seniors Card Holders allows visitors from interstate, who hold a state or territory Seniors Card, to access public transport concessions within Queensland and is fully funded by the Queensland Government.

### Practical Driving Test

As part of the State's driver licensing arrangements, applicants for new licences are required to undertake a practical driving test. The total cost to pre-book driver examinations and to perform the practical driver assessment is not fully recovered by the fee charged (\$52.68 (ex GST) as at 1 July 2018), providing a direct concession to applicants.

### Commercial ship registration and licensing

The commercial ship registration and licensing concession is ceasing as the regulation of domestic commercial vessels operations is now the responsibility of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). For 2017-18, the commercial vessel safety program including inspection and ship operator competency audits is funded from commercial ship registration and licensing revenue. The commercial ship registration and licensing concession represents the difference between the cost of supporting the safety of commercial vessels in Queensland waters and revenue collected via commercial registration and compliance fees. The concession represents a benefit to commercial ship owners and operators.

**Table A.2.10 Queensland Fire and Emergency Services**

Concession	2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million	2018-19 Estimate \$ million
Emergency Management Levy Concession	9.7	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>

### Emergency Management Levy Concession

The Emergency Management Levy applies to all prescribed properties within Queensland. The levy provides a funding base for emergency services including emergency management, fire and rescue services. Owners of prescribed properties who are in receipt of an Australian Government pension are eligible to receive a discount of 20% on the levy payable for a property that is their principal place of residence. In addition, community organisation owners of specified properties are exempt from payment of the levy.

**Table A.2.11 Queensland Health**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Oral Health Scheme <sup>1</sup>	149.2	151.8
Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme <sup>2</sup>	81.8	84.8
Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme <sup>3</sup>	40.4	29.6
Spectacle Supply Scheme	9.3	9.3
Community Aids Equipment, Assistive Technologies Initiative and Vehicle Options Subsidy Scheme <sup>4</sup>	14.8	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>295.5</b>	<b>281.7</b>
Notes:		
1. The \$2.6 million increase from the 2017-18 estimated actual to the 2018-19 estimate is due to additional state funding in 2018-19 for Hospital and Health Services' oral health services.		
2. The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme allocation is calculated on historical utilisation rates. The increase of \$3.0 million from the 2017-18 estimated actual to the 2018-19 estimate is due to expected population growth and higher utilisation of the Scheme.		
3. The variance is due to funding for this activity being progressively transferred to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).		
4. The variance is due to funding for this activity being progressively transferred to NDIS. The \$6.2 million estimate is to address commitments carrying across from 2017-18 and residual application in 2018-19.		

### Oral Health Scheme

The Oral Health Scheme provides free dental care to eligible clients and their dependants who possess a current Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Queensland Seniors Card or Commonwealth Seniors Card. The average value of a course of treatment for eligible clients is approximately \$600 for general care, \$1,800 for treatment involving dentures, and \$265 for emergency dental care. In rural and remote areas where no private dental practitioner exists, access to dental care for the general public is provided at a concessional rate, generally 15% to 20% less than average private dental fees.

### Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) provides financial assistance to patients who need to access specialist medical services which are not available within their local area. The PTSS provides a subsidy towards the cost of travel and accommodation for patients and, in some cases, an approved escort.

Patients will receive fully subsidised commercial transport if arranged by Queensland Health, or will be subsidised at the economy/government discount rate (less GST). Alternatively a subsidy of 30 cents per kilometre is paid where a private vehicle is used. The accommodation subsidy is \$60 per person per night for the period the patient is required to be away from home for medical reasons and when they are not in hospital, and for their escort, if approved. A subsidy of \$10 per person per night is payable to patients and approved escorts who stay in private accommodation.

### **Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme**

The Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) provides access to funding assistance for the provision of a range of aids and equipment to eligible Queensland residents with permanent and stabilised conditions or disabilities. Aids and equipment are provided primarily to assist people to live at home therefore avoiding premature or inappropriate residential care or hospitalisation.

Subsidies vary based on service category and clinical criteria and are provided to assist with the costs of communication aids, continence aids, daily living aids, medical grade footwear, mobility aids, orthoses and oxygen. The scheme will provide over 72,000 occasions of service to approximately 48,000 clients during 2018-19.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is currently being rolled out in Queensland. MASS clients who are NDIS eligible are being transitioned to the scheme with associated funding progressively cashed out to the NDIS.

### **Spectacle Supply Scheme**

The Spectacle Supply Scheme provides eligible Queensland residents with free access to a comprehensive range of basic spectacles every two years including bifocals and trifocals. Applicants must be holders of eligible concession cards and be deemed by a prescriber to have a clinical need for spectacles.

The scheme provides around 75,000 items to approximately 72,000 clients (some clients require more than one pair of spectacles due to clinical need). The average cost of services provided to applicants is approximately \$124 per item, including the costs of administering the scheme through the Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme.

### **Community Aids Equipment, Assistive Technologies Initiative and Vehicle Options Subsidy Scheme**

The Community Aids Equipment and Assistive Technologies Initiative (CAEATI) and Vehicle Options Subsidy Scheme (VOSS) provide financial assistance to eligible Queensland residents to support them to be more independent, participate further in social and economic opportunities in the community and contribute to a better quality of life.

CAEATI funding is capped at \$10,000 per client over a three year period. CAEATI includes aids, equipment and assistive technologies for postural support, communication support, community mobility and active participation.

VOSS funding is capped at \$10,000 per client over a five year period. VOSS provides subsidies for a range of vehicle access options, including the subsidy of driving lessons on a suitably modified vehicle, modifications to a vehicle, purchase of a suitably modified vehicle or vehicle suitable for modification.

To receive funding through either of these schemes, an individual must be assessed as eligible for specialist disability support under the *Disability Support Act 2006*. Queensland resident eligibility is determined during the intake process, and confirmed as part of the assessment process.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is currently being rolled out in Queensland. CAEATI and VOSS clients who are NDIS eligible are being transitioned to the scheme with associated funding progressively cashed out to the NDIS.

### A.3 Concessions by entity – Government-owned Corporations

Table A.3.1 Energy Queensland

Concession	2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million	2018-19 Estimate \$ million
Regulated Service Charges - Energex	17.1	17.2
Regulated Service Charges - Ergon	4.9	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.9</b>

#### Regulated Service Charges - Energex

Under Schedule 8 of the *Electricity Regulation 2006*, charges for a range of services provided by Energex Limited (Energex) to energy retailers, for example disconnection and reconnection of supply, are capped. The maximum amount Energex is able to charge for these services is, on average, less than the value which the Australian Energy Regulator ascribes to the provision of these services by Energex, resulting in a concession provided to energy retailers and in turn households.

#### Regulated Service Charges - Ergon

Under Schedule 8 of the *Electricity Regulation 2006*, service charges for a range of services provided by Ergon Energy Corporation Limited (Ergon Energy) to energy retailers, for example disconnection and reconnection of supply, are capped. The maximum amount Ergon Energy is able to charge for these services is, on average, less than the value which the Australian Energy Regulator ascribes to the provision of these services by Ergon Energy, resulting in a concession provided to energy retailers and in turn households.

Table A.3.2 Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited

Concession	2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million	2018-19 Estimate \$ million
Concessional Port Charges <sup>1</sup>	52.0	39.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>39.8</b>
Note:		
1. The variance is due to some uncommercial legacy contracts expiring and being replaced with new contracts at market rates.		

### **Concessional Port Charges**

The Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC) is subject to a number of long-term major industry contracts where port charges are significantly lower than market rates. These historical contracts were entered into to support various industries and government initiatives from time to time. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by GPC as a result of being unable to charge commercial rates.

**Table A.3.3 SunWater Limited**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Water Supply Contracts	48.5	49.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>49.4</b>

### **Water Supply Contracts**

SunWater Limited has a number of historic non-commercial water supply contracts that benefit specific entities, predominantly local government authorities. The future treatment of these water supply contracts is currently being considered by Government. The amount shown represents the difference between revenue and expenses under a fully costed allocation model.

SunWater and local governments have agreed to work together to negotiate new arrangements for water supply over the next 18 months. The amount shown represents the difference between revenue and expenses under a fully costed allocation model.

**Table A.3.4 Concessional Leases (Industry, Commercial and Community) by entity**

<b>Concession</b>	<b>2017-18 Est. Act. \$ million</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate \$ million</b>
Port of Townsville Limited	5.7	5.8
Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited	3.5	3.3
Queensland Rail Limited	1.7	1.9
North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited	1.6	1.7
Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited	0.8	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>

### **Concessional Leases (Industry, Commercial and Community)**

The above Government Owned Corporation entities provide leases to various community organisations, local councils, Government departments and industry participants at below commercial rates. The amounts shown are estimates of the revenue foregone by not charging commercial rates.