

# SERVICE DELIVERY **STATEMENTS**

Queensland Fire Department



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# **Queensland Fire Department**

### Portfolio overview

# Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers

The Honourable Ann Leahy MP

### **Queensland Fire Department**

Commissioner: Stephen Smith

The Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery is also responsible for:

### **Queensland Reconstruction Authority**

**Chief Executive Officer: Jake Ellwood** 

Additional information about these agencies can be sourced from:

fire.qld.gov.au

qra.qld.gov.au

# **Queensland Fire Department**

### **Overview**

The Queensland Fire Department (the department) provides world-class fire and rescue services to communities across Queensland, including fire prevention, response, and control. The department is comprised of Queensland Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service Queensland, State Operations and Strategy and Corporate Services. The department's foremost priority is to respond to fires and emergencies that threaten life, property or the environment and provide support to communities before, during and after their times of need.

The department's vision is to work together to create safer communities through contemporary fire and emergency services.

The purpose of the department is to pre-empt, prevent, mitigate and manage the consequences of fires and other emergencies on Queensland communities.

The department's strategic objectives are:

- Safe and effective response that minimises the consequences of fires and emergencies
- Planning, decision-making and Queensland Fire Department led preparedness activities are informed by current and future risk
- Communities are well informed and take necessary actions relevant to their local risk
- Being a valued and trusted partner
- Connecting and supporting our staff, volunteers, partners and communities in recovery after fires and emergencies.

The department contributes to the Government's objectives for the community<sup>1</sup> Safety where you live, A better lifestyle through a stronger economy and A plan for Queensland's Future, by:

- Queensland Fire and Rescue providing fire prevention, preparedness and response services to fire in the built and
  landscape environments, as well as scientific and specialist capabilities to Queensland communities. Queensland
  Fire and Rescue provides a multi-hazard response which includes: structural fires, road crash rescue, bush and
  grass fire, hazardous material, technical rescue including vertical, urban search and rescue and swiftwater rescue
- Rural Fire Service Queensland is a community-based, volunteer emergency service and the lead service for the
  control and prevention of bush and grass fire in Queensland. Rural Fire Service Queensland operates in rural, semirural and urban fringe areas providing: bush and grass fire prevention, mitigation and response capabilities,
  community engagement services, assistance during other emergencies and disasters and, in some instances, road
  crash rescue.

### Key deliverables

In 2025-26, the department will:

- continue to focus on fire service delivery and support the Queensland disaster management arrangements so that the government is best positioned to meet challenges that the state faces due to increases in the regularity and intensity of natural events such as bushfire, and the changing face of communities and community expectations
- continue to maintain a responsive Queensland Fire and Rescue, delivering state-of-the-art response, rescue, scientific and specialist capabilities to Queensland communities
- continue to focus on reducing bushfire risk through year-round planning and conducting mitigation activities;
   improving community safety awareness and knowledge in relation to bushfire safety and prevention; increasing the capability of Rural Fire Service Queensland volunteers; and maintaining an ongoing commitment to skilled, efficient, and timely responses to bush and grass fires and other emergencies
- continue to promote the home fire safety message highlighting the importance of fire escape plans; the roll out of smoke alarm legislation milestones with a particular focus on caravans and motorhomes; and the Fire Ed program delivered to year one students to develop an understanding of the dangers of fire and the appropriate response

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To find out more, go to gld.gov.au and search "government's objectives for the community."

- continue to promote bushfire safety by educating Queenslanders on how to prepare their property and family for bushfire
- continue to ensure information and communication technology supports and enhances frontline service and operational capabilities, including to embrace modern technology to improve communication coverage for emergency services in rural areas, to help first responders better protect our communities
- continue to support the maintenance of infrastructure and assets, including site investigations and early scoping works for a replacement Fire and Rescue Station at Hervey Bay.

### **Budget highlights**

In the 2025–26 Queensland Budget, the government is providing:

- \$15.7 million to support access for paid and volunteer firefighters to workers compensation following expansion of the Presumptive Legislation Workers' Compensation Scheme
- \$2.7 million to provide contract support for aerial firefighting capability
- \$2.5 million to acquire land to support delivery of a replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station in Kingaroy
- \$2 million to acquire land to support delivery of a replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station in Ayr.

Further information about new policy decisions can be found in Budget Paper No. 4: Budget Measures.

### **Performance statement**

### **Fire Services**

#### Objective

To enhance community safety by minimising the impact of fire, emergency events and disasters on the people, property, environment and economy of Queensland.

#### **Description**

The Queensland Fire Department enhances community resilience, mitigates risk and contributes to safer communities through contemporary fire and emergency services.

Service standards	2024–25	2024–25	2025–26
Service standards	Target/Est.	Est. Actual	Target/Est.
Effectiveness measures			
Rate of accidental residential structure fires reported (per 100,000 households)	<60	46.9	<55
Response times to structure fires including call taking time:			
• 50th percentile	<7.8 minutes	8.4 minutes	<7.8 minutes
90th percentile	<14 minutes	12.7 minutes	<14 minutes
Percentage of building and other structure fires confined to room/object of origin	≥80%	80.4%	≥80%
Estimated percentage of households with smoke alarm/detector installed	95%	97.6%	98%
Percentage of building premises inspected and deemed compliant at first inspection	50%	55.3%	50%
Rate of Unwanted Alarm Activations per Alarm Signalling Equipment	<4	2.5	<4
Organisational engagement levels of Rural Fire Service Queensland volunteers <sup>1</sup>	80%	72%²	80%
Efficiency measure	•		
Fire services expenditure per person	\$183	\$194 <sup>3</sup>	\$186

#### Notes:

- 1. The wording of this service standard has changed for the 2025–26 Service Delivery Statements and was previously "Engagement levels of Rural Fire Service volunteers". It has been renamed to include "Organisational" engagement to reflect the structure of the Queensland Fire Department. The underlying calculation methodology, which is based on Volunteering for Queensland survey outcomes, remains unchanged.
- 2. The 2024–25 Estimated Actual result of this measure follows a significant period of reform and the Queensland Fire Department is taking positive steps to improve the experience of volunteering.
- 3. The variance between the 2024–25 Target/Estimate and the 2024–25 Estimated Actual is mainly due to the continuing recruitment to provide an additional 500 full-time equivalent firefighter positions over 6 years commencing 2020–21, increased WorkCover premiums resulting from the expanded Presumptive WorkCover Legislation and operational response for bushfire and severe weather disaster events during 2024–25.

# **Departmental budget summary**

The table below shows the total resources available in 2025–26 from all sources and summarises how resources will be applied by service area and by controlled and administered classifications.

Queensland Fire Department	2024–25 Adjusted Budget <sup>3</sup> \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CONTROLLED			
Income			
Appropriation revenue <sup>1,2</sup>	250,068	283,091	243,675
Other revenue	737,301	778,130	776,597
Total income	987,369	1,061,221	1,020,272
Expenses			
Fire services	960,760	1,034,612	993,663
Total expenses	960,760	1,034,612	993,663
Operating surplus/deficit	26,609	26,609	26,609
Net assets	1,206,925	1,204,809	1,238,589
ADMINISTERED		<u> </u>	
Revenue			
Commonwealth revenue			**
Appropriation revenue	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Other administered revenue	100	100	100
Total revenue	2,260,656	2,510,301	3,229,108
Expenses			
Transfers to government	100	100	100
Administered expenses	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Total expenses	2,260,656	2,510,301	3,229,108
Net assets			

#### Note:

- 1. Includes state and Australian Government funding.
- 2. The 2024–25 Estimated Actual excludes \$237,000 (cash) received for 2023–24, mainly relating to enterprise bargaining arrangements.
- 3. The Adjusted Budget reflects Information and Communication Technology functions as set out in the Public Service Department Arrangements Notice (No.6) 2024, which transferred from the Queensland Police Service on 19 August 2024. The effective date of transfer for financial reporting purposes was 1 September 2024.

### **Staffing**

The table below shows the Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) as at the 30 June in the respective years.

Service area	2024–25 Adjusted Budget <sup>1</sup>	2024–25 Est. Actual	2025–26 Budget
Queensland Fire Department	4,207	4,191	4,230
Total FTEs	4,207	4,191	4,230

#### Note:

### **Capital program**

The 2025–26 Queensland Fire Department capital program of \$134.1 million supports the provision of fire and rescue, and rural fire services throughout Queensland. The program will fund facilities, fire trucks and essential operational equipment.

For Queensland Fire and Rescue, major capital outlays include:

- \$25.7 million for replacement and new fire and rescue trucks
- \$8.2 million for operational equipment including specialised firefighting, scientific analysis and detection, breathing apparatus, and rescue equipment
- \$7.5 million for land acquisitions for replacement stations at Ayr, Highfields and Kingaroy, and other future strategic areas.

For Rural Fire Service Queensland, major capital outlays include:

- \$23.7 million for replacement and new rural fire trucks
- \$5.6 million to complete the delivery of new or upgraded rural fire brigade stations across Queensland
- \$3.2 million to continue the delivery of the new Maryborough area brigade headquarters.

The table below shows the total capital outlays by the agency in the respective years.

	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
Capital purchases	138,402	135,838	134,104
Capital grants			
Total capital outlays	138,402	135,838	134,104

Further information about the Queensland Fire Department capital outlays can be found in *Budget Paper No. 3: Capital Statement*.

<sup>1.</sup> The adjusted budget reflects Information and Communication Technology functions as set out in the Public Service Department Arrangements Notice (No.6) 2024, which transferred from the Queensland Police Service on 19 August 2024.

# **Budgeted financial statements**

### **Departmental income statement**

#### Controlled income statement

Total income is estimated to be \$1.020 billion in 2025–26, a decrease of \$40.9 million from the 2024–25 Estimated Actual. The decrease is mainly due to additional income received in 2023–24 to reimburse the significant response to bushfire and severe weather disaster events and impacts from the former Government Indexation Policy pause in 2024–25.

Total expenses are estimated to be \$993.7 million in 2025–26. This is a \$40.9 million decrease from the 2024–25 Estimated Actual. The decrease is mainly due to additional expenditure in 2024–25 associated with operational response for bushfire and severe weather disaster events during 2024–25.

The estimated operating surplus in 2025–26 of \$26.6 million is required to fund the sustainable delivery of the department's capital program.

#### Administered income statement

The 2025–26 administered expenses estimate mainly represents 12 months of grants and subsidies payments to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to fund its disaster recovery and resilience programs. There is an increase of \$718.8 million from the 2024–25 Estimated Actual due to additional grant funding required by QRA in 2025–26 to support recovery from the extensive disaster events that occurred in 2024–25.

### **Departmental balance sheet**

The department's major assets are property, plant and equipment (\$1.223 billion) and cash and receivables (\$94.5 million). Non-current assets are expected to increase 9 per cent over the next four years, principally due to anticipated acquisitions and programmed major capital works projects. The department's main liabilities relate to payables (\$49.4 million) and accrued employee benefits (\$24.3 million), with the value of these estimated to remain at current levels through to 2028–29.

# **Controlled income statement**

Queensland Fire Department*	2024–25 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	250,068	283,091	243,675
Taxes	666,320	669,852	703,344
User charges and fees	51,261	51,261	52,542
Royalties and land rents			
Grants and other contributions	16,007	53,437	17,007
Interest and distributions from managed funds	2,610	2,477	2,601
Other revenue	1,103	1,103	1,103
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets			
Total income	987,369	1,061,221	1,020,272
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses	635,065	658,145	672,562
Supplies and services	266,993	299,140	250,888
Grants and subsidies	1,018	1,018	1,000
Depreciation and amortisation	44,123	62,680	55,436
Finance/borrowing costs	58	58	58
Other expenses	12,983	13,051	13,199
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets	520	520	520
Total expenses	960,760	1,034,612	993,663
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	26,609	26,609	26,609

<sup>\*</sup>The 2024–25 Budget and 2024–25 Estimated Actuals information disclosed is presented on a post-machinery-of-government basis.

# **Controlled balance sheet**

Queensland Fire Department*	2024–25 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	49,627	65,600	30,006
Receivables	68,319	74,525	64,525
Other financial assets			
Inventories	5,640	6,996	6,996
Other	7,835	5,029	5,029
Non-financial assets held for sale		7,728	7,728
Total current assets	131,421	159,878	114,284
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables			
Other financial assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1,175,561	1,145,996	1,223,160
Intangibles	54	54	1,058
Other			
Total non-current assets	1,175,615	1,146,050	1,224,218
TOTAL ASSETS	1,307,036	1,305,928	1,338,502
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	48,172	49,422	49,422
Accrued employee benefits	24,186	24,288	24,288
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	1,899	818	909
Provisions			
Other	351	745	745
Total current liabilities	74,608	75,273	75,364
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables			••
Accrued employee benefits			
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives	25,503	25,846	24,549
Provisions			
Other			**
Total non-current liabilities	25,503	25,846	24,549
TOTAL LIABILITIES	100,111	101,119	99,913
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	1,206,925	1,204,809	1,238,589
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	1,206,925	1,204,809	1,238,589

<sup>\*</sup>The 2024–25 Budget and 2024–25 Estimated Actuals information disclosed is presented on a post-machinery-of-government basis.

# **Controlled cash flow statement**

Queensland Fire Department*	2024–25 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	250,068	283,328	243,675
User charges and fees	57,286	57,286	58,567
Royalties and land rent receipts			
Grants and other contributions	5,140	42,502	5,924
Interest and distribution from managed funds received	2,610	2,477	2,601
Taxes	666,320	669,852	713,344
Other	25,675	25,675	25,675
Outflows:			
Employee costs	(635,065)	(658,145)	(672,562)
Supplies and services	(291,565)	(323,712)	(275,460)
Grants and subsidies	(1,018)	(1,018)	(1,000)
Borrowing costs			
Other	(8,661)	(8,661)	(8,661)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities	70,790	89,584	92,103
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets	500	500	500
Investments redeemed			
Loans and advances redeemed			
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets	(138,434)	(135,838)	(134,104)
Payments for investments			
Loans and advances made			
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities	(137,934)	(135,338)	(133,604)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	,		
Inflows:			
Borrowings			
Equity injections	16,600	15,162	10,309
Appropriated equity injections	16,600	15,162	10,309
Non-appropriated equity injections	,	·	, l
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions			
Finance lease payments	(1,264)	(1,264)	(1,264)
Equity withdrawals	(3,138)	(3,138)	(3,138)
Appropriated equity withdrawals	(3,138)	(3,138)	(3,138)
Non-appropriated equity withdrawals	(=, : = =)	(2,120)	(=, : = 5)
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities	12,198	10,760	5,907
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(54,946)	(34,994)	(35,594)
Cash at the beginning of financial year	105,388	101,409	(55,594 <i>)</i> 65,600
Cash transfers from restructure	(815)	(815)	55,500
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Cash at the end of financial year	49,627	65,600	30,006

<sup>\*</sup>The 2024–25 Budget and 2024–25 Estimated Actuals information disclosed is presented on a post-machinery-of-government basis.

# **Administered income statement**

Queensland Fire Department	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Appropriation revenue	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Taxes			
User charges and fees			
Royalties and land rents			
Grants and other contributions			
Interest and distributions from managed funds			
Other revenue	100	100	100
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets			
Total income	2,260,656	2,510,301	3,229,108
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses			
Supplies and services			
Grants and subsidies	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Depreciation and amortisation			
Finance/borrowing costs			
Other expenses			
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets			
Transfers of Administered Revenue to Government	100	100	100
Total expenses	2,260,656	2,510,301	3,229,108
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			

# **Administered balance sheet**

Queensland Fire Department	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets			
Receivables			
Other financial assets			
Inventories			••
Other			
Non-financial assets held for sale			
Total current assets			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables			
Other financial assets			
Property, plant and equipment			
Intangibles			
Other			
Total non-current assets			
TOTAL ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables			
Transfers to Government payable			
Accrued employee benefits			
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives			
Provisions			
Other			
Total current liabilities			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables			
Accrued employee benefits			
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives			
Provisions			
Other			
Total non-current liabilities			
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY			

# **Administered cash flow statement**

Queensland Fire Department	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Appropriation receipts	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
User charges and fees			
Royalties and land rent receipts			
Grants and other contributions			
Interest and distribution from managed funds received			
Taxes			
Other	100	100	100
Outflows:			
Employee costs			
Supplies and services			
Grants and subsidies	(2,260,556)	(2,510,201)	(3,229,008)
Borrowing costs			
Other			
Transfers to Government	(100)	(100)	(100)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities			
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets			
Investments redeemed			
Loans and advances redeemed			
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets			
Payments for investments			
Loans and advances made			
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Borrowings			
Equity injections			
Appropriated equity injections			
Non-appropriated equity injections			
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions			
Finance lease payments			
Equity withdrawals			
Appropriated equity withdrawals			
Non-appropriated equity withdrawals			
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held			
Cash at the beginning of financial year			
Cash transfers from restructure			
Cash at the end of financial year			

# Statutory body

# **Queensland Reconstruction Authority**

### **Overview**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority's (QRA) vision is for stronger, safer, resilient Queensland communities. QRA's purpose is to coordinate action to improve the resilience of Queensland communities and facilitate locally-led disaster recovery.

QRA's strategic objectives are:

- Rebuilding, recovering and reconnecting disaster affected communities
- Building capacity in recovery and resilience through expert leadership and partnerships
- Getting ready, reducing risk and building resilience.

QRA contributes to the *Government's objectives for the community*<sup>1</sup>, *A better lifestyle through a stronger economy* and *A plan for Queensland's future*, and the aim to drive down the cost of living and give Queenslanders a better lifestyle, by coordinating disaster recovery and resilience for Queensland communities.

#### Key deliverables

In 2025-26, QRA will:

- deliver acquittal of the 2024–25 claim to the Australian Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) in order to secure the Australian Government's contribution to the state's program of recovery and reconstruction
- continue to coordinate and deliver responsive recovery activities that incorporate risk reduction and resilience building as standard for communities that have been impacted by extensive natural disasters in 2024–25
- prioritise and coordinate disaster recovery funding programs, while supporting local governments and communities to build knowledge and capacity that drives best practice in recovery management, maximises risk reduction and builds resilience
- coordinate funding programs to strengthen community resilience towards disasters, including administering the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program, inclusive of the Queensland Betterment Fund and other resilience programs
- continue to manage Queensland based projects established under the Disaster Ready Fund and other Australian Government funded resilience programs to improve Australia's resilience and reduce risk to natural disasters
- prepare Queenslanders for disasters through targeted all-hazard communication and community education awareness campaigns and outreach activities under the Get Ready Queensland and the If It's Flooded Forget It programs.

### **Budget highlights**

In the 2025–26 Queensland Budget, the government is providing:

- \$40 million per year ongoing from 2025–26 towards the Queensland Betterment Fund, delivering high priority betterment infrastructure projects, including funding towards raising the Curzon Street Bridge in Rocklea and crucial flood mitigation measures in Laidley
- \$280 million over 4 years (\$330 million over 5 years) from Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
   Efficiencies towards the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP), to support high priority disaster resilience and mitigation projects, strengthening Queensland communities' resilience to natural disasters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To find out more, go to gld.gov.au and search "government's objectives for the community."

Total funding allocated to QRRRP is \$450 million over 5 years, with \$120 million over 3 years from the Queensland Betterment Fund and \$330 million over 5 years from DRFA Efficiencies, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments.

Further information about new policy decisions can be found in Budget Paper No. 4: Budget Measures.

### **Performance statement**

### Coordination of natural disaster recovery and resilience activities

#### Objective

To support Queensland communities by coordinating rapid restoration and recovery following natural disasters and undertaking activities that assist communities to build their resilience to future events, while demonstrating accountability in the use of natural disaster and resilience funding.

#### **Description**

QRA actively manages Queensland's program of recovery and reconstruction works within disaster impacted communities to ensure timely delivery of outcomes, value for money is achieved and expenditure claimed is eligible for Australian Government reimbursement under the DRFA.

QRA also leads the coordination of whole-of-government policies for ensuring Queensland and its communities effectively and efficiently recover from the impacts of disasters; and improving the resilience of communities for potential disasters, including increasing public awareness to ensure communities are prepared for future disaster events through education initiatives such as Get Ready Queensland; and coordinating the delivery of betterment and other disaster resilience building programs.

Service standards	2024–25	2024–25	2025–26
	Target/Est.	Est. Actual	Target/Est.
Effectiveness measures			
Percentage of reconstruction projects completed within DRFA required timeframes and eligible for reimbursement from the	4000/	4000/	4000/
Australian Government	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of Queenslanders that intend to take action to increase preparedness following exposure to Get Ready Queensland			
campaign	80%	78%	80%
Efficiency measure			
Operational administration cost per \$1,000 of disaster event damage over active reconstruction program lifespan <sup>1</sup>	<\$25.00	\$2.41	<\$5.00

#### Note:

<sup>1.</sup> The variance between the 2024–25 Target/Estimate and the 2024–25 Estimated Actual is due to the nature and scale of disaster events that impacted the state during the current year meaning that QRA was able to effectively meet recovery requirements through utilisation of existing operational capacity despite the significant extent and quantum of damage.

### **Budgeted summary**

### **Staffing**

The table below shows the Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) as at the 30 June in the respective years.

Service area	2024–25 Budget	2024–25 Est. Actual	2025–26 Budget
Coordination of natural disaster recovery and resilience activities	165	165	165
Total FTEs	165	165	165

### **Capital program**

In 2025–26, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will make capital grants of \$2.639 billion to support the Queensland Government's program of infrastructure renewal and recovery within disaster-affected communities, and to help build disaster resilience across Queensland.

Program highlights (Capital Grants):

- \$2.487 billion for DRFA will be paid to councils, Queensland Government departments and agencies for reconstruction, betterment and other projects relating to natural disaster events between 2021 and 2025 as part of DRFA. This program is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government
- \$47.7 million as part of \$95.4 million towards infrastructure projects supporting crucial access links and upgrades to rural and remote access points. This program is jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments from DRFA Efficiencies
- \$26 million as part of the Queensland Betterment Fund, delivering high priority betterment infrastructure projects. This forms part of the \$450 million Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments, including from DRFA Efficiencies
- \$13.1 million for the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, as part of a National Partnership Agreement, jointly funded with the Australian Government, to support disaster mitigation projects and build resilience to natural disasters over 5 years
- \$12 million as part the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, to support locally-led disaster resilience and risk reduction activities. This forms part of the \$450 million Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments, including from DRFA Efficiencies.

	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
Capital purchases	:		:
Capital grants	1,889,148	2,111,072	2,638,907
Total capital outlays	1,889,148	2,111,072	2,638,907

Further information about the QRA capital outlays can be found in *Budget Paper No. 3: Capital Statement*. There are variations between the capital program figure quoted across papers, as payments across Queensland Government agencies are excluded from *Budget Paper No. 3: Capital Statement* and are included in the figure quoted above.

# **Financial statements**

### **Income statement**

#### Major variations between 2024–25 Estimated Actual and 2025–26 Budget include:

The increase in grants and other contributions is due to additional grants income required to fund the recovery program expenditure.

The increase in grants and subsidies expenditure is mainly due to DRFA grant payments expected to be made to support recovery from the extensive disaster events that occurred in 2024–25.

#### Major variations between 2024–25 Adjusted Budget and 2025–26 Budget include:

The increase in grants and other contributions is due to additional grants income required to fund the recovery program expenditure.

The increase in grants and subsidies expenditure is mainly due to DRFA grant payments expected to be made to support recovery from the extensive disaster events that occurred in 2024–25.

### **Balance sheet**

QRA's 2025–26 net asset position is expected to remain unchanged from the 2024–25 Estimated Actual. The balance sheet is primarily made up of cash holdings and receivables offset by payables.

# **Income statement**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
INCOME			
Taxes			
User charges and fees			
Grants and other contributions	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Interest and distributions from managed funds			
Other revenue		420	420
Gains on sale/revaluation of assets			
Total income	2,260,556	2,510,621	3,229,428
EXPENSES			
Employee expenses	26,797	26,797	27,465
Supplies and services	34,170	28,549	38,749
Grants and subsidies	2,198,975	2,454,660	3,162,599
Depreciation and amortisation	2	3	3
Finance/borrowing costs			
Other expenses	612	612	612
Losses on sale/revaluation of assets			
Total expenses	2,260,556	2,510,621	3,229,428
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			

# **Balance sheet**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	21,639	24,256	24,259
Receivables	14,860	31,485	31,485
Other financial assets			
Inventories			
Other	528	589	589
Non-financial assets held for sale			
Total current assets	37,027	56,330	56,333
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables			
Other financial assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	5	2
Intangibles	1		
Other			
Total non-current assets	8	5	2
TOTAL ASSETS	37,035	56,335	56,335
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	2,436	2,306	2,306
Accrued employee benefits	515	704	704
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives			
Provisions			
Other			
Total current liabilities	2,951	3,010	3,010
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables			
Accrued employee benefits			
Interest bearing liabilities and derivatives			
Provisions			
Other			
Total non-current liabilities			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,951	3,010	3,010
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	34,084	53,325	53,325
EQUITY			
TOTAL EQUITY	34,084	53,325	53,325

# **Cash flow statement**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority	2024–25 Budget \$'000	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
User charges and fees			
Grants and other contributions	2,260,556	2,510,201	3,229,008
Interest and distribution from managed funds received			
Taxes			
Other	221,717	249,137	329,065
Outflows:			
Employee costs	(26,797)	(26,797)	(27,465)
Supplies and services	(255,794)	(277,173)	(367,301)
Grants and subsidies	(2,198,975)	(2,454,660)	(3,162,599)
Borrowing costs			
Other	(705)	(705)	(705)
Net cash provided by or used in operating activities	2	3	3
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Sales of non-financial assets			
Investments redeemed			
Loans and advances redeemed			
Outflows:			
Payments for non-financial assets			
Payments for investments			
Loans and advances made			
Net cash provided by or used in investing activities			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
Borrowings			
Equity injections			
Outflows:			
Borrowing redemptions			
Finance lease payments			
Equity withdrawals			
Net cash provided by or used in financing activities			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	2	3	3
Cash at the beginning of financial year	21,637	24,253	24,256
Cash transfers from restructure			
Cash at the end of financial year	21,639	24,256	24,259

# **Glossary of terms**

Accrual accounting	Recognition of economic events and other financial transactions involving revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity as they occur and reporting in financial statements in the period to which they relate, rather than when a flow of cash occurs.
Administered items	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses an entity administers, without discretion, on behalf of the government.
Agency/entity	Used generically to refer to the various organisational units within government that deliver services or otherwise service government objectives. The term can include departments, commercialised business units, statutory bodies or other organisations established by Executive decision.
Appropriation	Funds issued by the Treasurer, under Parliamentary authority, to departments during a financial year for:  delivery of agreed services administered items
	<ul> <li>administered items</li> <li>adjustment of the government's equity in agencies, including acquiring of capital.</li> </ul>
Balance sheet	A financial statement that reports the assets, liabilities and equity of an entity as at a particular date.
Capital	A term used to refer to an entity's stock of assets and the capital grants it makes to other agencies. Assets include property, plant and equipment, intangible items and inventories that an entity owns/controls and uses in the delivery of services.
Cash flow statement	A financial statement reporting the cash inflows and outflows for an entity's operating, investing and financing activities in a particular period.
Controlled Items	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by departments. These relate directly to the departmental operational objectives and arise at the discretion and direction of that department.
Depreciation	The periodic allocation of the cost of physical assets, representing the amount of the asset consumed during a specified time.
Equity	Equity is the residual interest in the assets of the entity after deduction of its liabilities. It usually comprises the entity's accumulated surpluses/losses, capital injections and any reserves.
Equity injection	An increase in the investment of the government in a public sector agency.
Financial statements	Collective description of the income statement, the balance sheet and the cash flow statement for an entity's controlled and administered activities.
Income statement	A financial statement highlighting the accounting surplus or deficit of an entity. It provides an indication of whether the entity has sufficient revenue to meet expenses in the current year, including non-cash costs such as depreciation.
Outcomes	Whole-of-government outcomes are intended to cover all dimensions of community wellbeing. They express the current needs and future aspirations of communities, within a social, economic and environment context.
Own-source revenue	Revenue that is generated by an agency, generally through the sale of goods and services, but it may also include some Commonwealth funding.
Priorities	Key policy areas that will be the focus of government activity.
Services	The actions or activities (including policy development) of an agency which contribute to the achievement of the agency's objectives.
Service area	Related services grouped into a high level service area for communicating the broad types of services delivered by an agency.
Service standard	Define a level of performance that is expected to be achieved appropriate for the service area or service. Service standards are measures of efficiency or effectiveness.



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