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Our department's statutory objectives, functions and powers

Our statutory objectives, functions and powers are derived from the following Acts of Parliament that are administered by our department.

Disability Services Act 2006

The objects of this Act are to:

- acknowledge the rights of people with a disability including by promoting their inclusion in the life of the community generally and
- ensure that disability services funded by our department are safe, accountable and respond to the needs of people with a disability and
- to safeguard the rights of adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability including by regulating the use of restrictive practices by funded service providers in relation to those adults –
 - (i) only where it is necessary to protect a person from harm; and
 - (ii) with the aim of reducing or eliminating the need for use of restrictive practices.

This establishes a strong legislative basis for the promotion and protection of the rights of people with a disability in Queensland. The Act promotes the inclusion of people with a disability in the life of the community and seeks to ensure the disability services funded and provided by our department are safe, accountable and responsive. The Act also specifically recognises the right of people with a disability to live a life free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The Act provides requirements and safeguards for funded non-government service providers, including a pre-approval process for organisations seeking funding from our department, conditions for funding agreements, prescribed requirements for service delivery and criminal history screening for people engaged by funded non-government service providers.

Guide Dogs Act 1972

The purpose of this Act is to make provision to allow dogs guiding people with a vision or hearing impairment, and dogs being trained to guide people with a vision or hearing impairment, to be admitted to certain places, vehicles and for related purposes.

This legislation provides that people with a vision or hearing impairment who require the aid of a guide dog, have a legally enforceable right to enter public places and public passenger vehicles. The right also extends to trainers and trainee dogs. Our department is undertaking a review to examine whether the recognition currently afforded to guide dogs should be extended to assistance dogs.

Legacy Trust Fund Act 2001

The purpose of this Act is to provide for the money standing to the credit of the Legacy Trust Fund and related accounts and funds of our department.

This legislation gave our department ownership and management of the Legacy Trust Fund, which was to be used for the benefit of people with a vision impairment free of legal ambiguity. We advertised widely for grant applications in April 2002 and distributed the fund to 24 services that could demonstrate that their innovative projects assisted vision-impaired people. These projects included: recreation and leisure activities; equipment; skill development; advocacy and community awareness; information services; and staff training. All funds were expended and, as this was a one-off project, no further funds are available for distribution.

Health Services Act 1991

(Jointly administered with the Minister for Health.)

The purpose of this Act is to provide for and in respect of the organisation, management and delivery of certain health services and the establishment of health community councils, and for other purposes.

The objectives of this Act are to: protect and promote health; help prevent and control illness and injury; and provide for the treatment of the sick. These objectives are achieved through actions including:

- establishing organisational arrangements for the delivery of public sector health services in the state
- establishing health community councils to foster community engagement in relation to, and monitor, the delivery of public sector health services.


All legislation is available for viewing at www.legislation.qld.gov.au/OQPCHome.htm

Sustainability reporting

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is an internationally recognised framework for sustainability reporting, which encourages organisations to measure and report on their economic, environmental and social performance.

While our department does not formally report against the GRI sustainability reporting guidelines, our annual report is informed by the principles of the GRI framework.



In this report, the icon  denotes elements that help sustain our organisation such as: strategy and profile; environmental; social; economic; and governance aspects.

A detailed index on our performance against the GRI guidelines is available at our website — www.disability.qld.gov.au. Further information on the Global Reporting Initiative is available at www.globalreporting.org

Our carbon footprint

Our department is committed to the Queensland Government's strategies on *Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Policy 2000* and *ClimateSmart 2050*, which both aim to reduce the government's carbon footprint. Six gases have been identified under the Kyoto Protocol as the main gases that need to be accounted for. These gases are carbon dioxide, hydrofluorocarbons, methane, nitrous oxides, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride. As part of standard emission accounting practices these gases are reported as carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO₂-e).

The Queensland Government is developing whole-of-government systems to standardise reporting on carbon emissions (measured in CO₂ equivalents). The basis for this reporting is consistent with national and international standards including definitions outlined in the AS Standard ISO 14064 and the *Australian Government's National Greenhouse Accounts Factors* workbook, as detailed below:

Scope 1 emissions are emissions that occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the company (for example, emissions from departmental controlled vehicles, diesel generators and gas boilers).

Scope 2 emissions are classed as indirect emissions solely from the generation and consumption of purchased electricity or steam or heating/cooling. Scope 2 emissions are physically produced by the burning of fuels (coal, natural gas, etc.) at the power station or facilities not controlled by the organisation.

Scope 3 emissions are the result of actions of a company, but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the company. Their inclusion should be based on their relevance to the operations of the organisation.

More broadly, scope 3 emissions can include:

- employee business travel in vehicles or aircraft not owned or owned by the reporting organisation
- employees commuting to and from work
- extraction, production and transport of purchased fuels consumed
- extraction, production and transport of other purchased materials or goods
- generation of electricity that is consumed in a transport and delivery system (reported by end user)
- out-sourced activities
- transportation of products, materials and waste.

In 2007–08, all Queensland Government agencies are reporting on the carbon emissions from:

- vehicles
- purchased electricity
- domestic and international air travel on commercial airlines.

The Queensland Government is committed to continuing to improve data collection methods and reporting carbon emissions in line with national and international standards. While the best available data has been used, in some instances estimates have been reported due to the limitation of data collection systems. For example, in government-owned buildings where there are multiple tenants and the electricity usage cannot be attributed to a single agency, the Department of Public Works (DPW) calculates the electricity usage by tenanted agencies based on the m² leased.

Figure 25:

Our carbon emissions during 2007–08

Category	Sub-category	Notes ¹	Carbon emissions (CO ₂ -e tonnes) ²
Scope 1			
	Fuels used by QFleet vehicles	3	1700
Scope 2			
	Purchased electricity for major workplaces	4,5	8425
Scope 3			
	Domestic air travel on commercial airlines	6	305
	International travel on commercial airlines	7	16
TOTAL			10 446

Notes:

1. All information has been provided by Department of Public Works.
2. All figures have been rounded up.
3. QFleet vehicles utilised for Disability Services Queensland only.
4. This sub-category includes only those properties identified by Department of Public Works as receiving electricity accounts direct and are included in the department's baseline. This sub-category excludes properties classified as residences under the Strategic Energy Efficiency Policy for Queensland Government Buildings; and Government Employee Housing owned and leased.
5. Leased accommodation is included and where office accommodation is within multi-tenant buildings, the consumption figures will be estimates only as calculated by Department of Public Works.
6. The emissions reported only relate to domestic air travel on Qantas and Virgin airlines (as provided by Queensland Chief Procurement Office) between 10 December 2007 and 30 June 2008. This figure includes AVIS car rental at time of air travel.
7. The estimated emissions reported only relate to international air travel on commercial airlines (as provided by Queensland Chief Procurement Office) between 1 January 2007 and 30 June 2008. This figure includes AVIS car rental at time of air travel.

Together with the Queensland Government, we are committed to reducing the government's carbon footprint.

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Glossary

Accommodation support	Services that provide accommodation to people with a disability and services that provide support needed to enable a person with a disability to remain in their existing accommodation, or to move to more suitable or appropriate accommodation.
Bilateral agreement	The collaborative work and areas of mutual concern to be progressed by both the Australian and state governments.
Block-specified funding	Funding that is allocated to an approved service provider to supply an agreed service response to a number of individuals identified and approved onto the program by Disability Services Queensland. The funds are transferable among consumers supported through that block-specified funding only.
Carer	A person of any age who, without being paid, cares for another person who needs ongoing support because of a long-term medical condition, a mental illness, a disability, frailty or the need for palliative care.
Commonwealth–State/ Territory Disability Agreement	The Commonwealth–State/Territory Disability Agreement is an agreement between the Australian and state/territory governments that sets the national framework to fund, monitor and support quality services for people with a disability.
Commonwealth–State/ Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set	A set of nationally significant data items or pieces of information in relation to disability services that are collected in all Australian jurisdictions.
Community access	Services designed to provide opportunities for people with a disability to gain and use their abilities to enjoy their full potential for social independence.
Community and home care	Services provided under the auspice of the Home and Community Care Program and non-clinical community mental health services primarily through non-government service providers.
Community support	Services that provide the support needed for a person with a disability to live in a non-institutional setting. Support with the basic needs of living such as meal preparation, dressing and transferring are included under accommodation support.
Departmental outputs	Discrete services or other products, including policy advice, that a department delivers to its external clients.

Disability	A person's condition that is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of impairments. A disability results in: a substantial reduction of the person's capacity for communication, social interaction, learning, mobility or self-care or management; and the person needing support.
Disability services	One or more of the following: (a) accommodation support services (b) respite services (c) community support services (d) community access (e) advocacy or information services or services that provide alternative forms of communication (f) research, training or development services.
Home and community care	Support and maintenance services to assist older frail people and younger people with moderate, severe or profound disabilities, and their carers to remain living in the community.
Least restrictive practice	The use of the restrictive practice that — (a) ensures the safety of the adult or others and (b) imposes the minimum limits on the freedom of the adult as is practicable in the circumstances.
Machinery-of-government changes	The allocation and reallocation of functions between government departments and ministers.
Non-government service providers	An organisation, other than the government, providing services.
Respite	Services that provide a short-term and time-limited break for families and other voluntary care givers of people with disabilities, to assist in supporting and maintaining the primary care giving relationship, while providing a positive experience for the person with a disability.
Whole-of-government approach	An approach which involves multiple government agencies.

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