

From: Robert Setter
Sent: Friday, 12 March 2021 1:08 PM
To: Dave Stewart
Subject: Accepted: HOLD: Meeting: Dave Stewart, Rob Setter, Rachel Hunter & Nikola Stepanov

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From: Robert Setter
Sent: Tuesday, 16 March 2021 9:29 AM
To: Dave Stewart
Cc: Megan Barry
Subject: FW: Integrity Commission update

Dave

Confidential to you: an update from Shaun who is currently up with the Integrity Commissioner

Rob

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From: Shaun Gordon <Shaun.Gordon@psc.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 March 2021 9:21 AM
To: Robert Setter <Robert.Setter@psc.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Integrity Commission update

Hi Robert,

As requested, here is the recruitment update for the Integrity Commission office:

- **CTPI - Personal Information** will be joining us this Thursday 18 March through to Tuesday 20 April 2021, **CTPI - Personal Information**
- We advertised on SmartJobs a PO5 legal position with 21 applicants
- We interviewed 3 people, 2 internal to government, and 1 external to government, but who has extensive experience in Qld govt departments
- I am in the process of finalising the report, and will make the following offers:
 - 12 month secondment **CTPI - Personal Information**
 - 6 month secondment **CTPI - Personal Information**
- With the new arrangements under Savings and Debt Plan of non-deferral of money to next financial year, this will mean 3 months of a PO5 will be unfunded in the 21/22 financial year
- I spoke with Megan yesterday and she was comfortable to manage this risk. These 2 secondments should be enough to set the Office up moving forward
- We are making temporary placements due to the Strategic Review about to commence. Should the Reviewer make recommendations related to the structure of the Office, they will be able to be actioned without permanent appointments being an issue

Shaun

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From: Robert Setter
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 1:43 PM
To: Dave Stewart
Cc: Robert Setter; Megan Barry; David Reed
Subject: OIC staffing history

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As requested

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From: David Reed <David.Reed@psc.qld.gov.au>
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Subject: OIC staffing history

Rob

Info as requested

Current Integrity Commissioner

First appointment 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020 – Initially appointed to 0.6 FTE

Second appointment 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 – 1 FTE

Prior to the appointment of the current IC (30 June 2017) staffing of the office consisted of 2.2 FTE with additional part-time support to meet peak demand:

Integrity commissioner 0.2 FTE
 Permanent staff 2 FTE
 Part-time temp varied between 0-1 FTE as work demands varied week to week

For 2018-19 and 2019-20

- Funded staff was 5 FTE (Integrity Commissioner and 4 staff)
- Additional staff were provided to perform work associated with providing advice to local government
- Funding for additional staff provided out of PSC budget

Current Staffing is

2020-21 (5 Perm, 0 Temp)			FTE	Comments
Integrity Commissioner	Perm	HCLASS	1	
Drctr	Perm	SO	1	CTPI - Personal Information • Additional office support being provided by PSC staff.
			1	• Vacant since 1 July 2020, • Approval to advertise internal to government provided 2 October 2020. EOI circulated 26 November 2020. • Approval to advertise external to government on 23 December 2020. Job live on smartjobs on 7 January 2021. • Interviews to occur shortly
Snr Lgl Offcr	Perm	PO5		
Offc Admnstrtr	Perm	A06	1	
			1	CTPI - Personal Information
Exc Offcr	Perm	A04		• Additional office support being provided by PSC staff.



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From: Robert Setter
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2021 2:54 PM
To: Beth Woods (DAF); Bob Gee (DAF); Chris Sarra (DATSIP); Clare O'Connor (DCDSS); Damien Walker (DSDTI); Dave Stewart; David Mackie (DJAG); Deidre Mulkerin (CSYW); John Wakefield (Health); Greg Leach (QFES); James Purtill (EPW); Jamie Merrick (DES); John Lee (DTIS); Katarina Carroll (QPS); Mary-Anne Curtis (DATSIP); Michael Glover (DRDMW); Mike Kaiser (DNRME); Neil Scales (TMR); Peter Martin (Corrections Services); Rachel Hunter (Treasury); Robert Setter; Toni Power (Coordinator General); Tony Cook (QED); Warwick Agnew (DESBT)
Cc: @PSC ELT
Subject: Request from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner : Lobbyist Register
Attachments: Response to Dr Stepanov.pdf
Categories: To Note

Members of the Leadership Board

You would have received correspondence from the Integrity Commissioner in early February 2021 seeking assistance to verify and update the Queensland register of lobbyist (the register) contacts for all entities within your Minister's portfolio by the end of March.

I indicated at the last Leadership Board that I would clarify the scope of her request on your behalf.

I encourage you to audit and confirm with her office that the Register is current for officers within your agency.

However when it comes to other entities which form part of the portfolio of your Minister, the Office should seek confirmation directly from them. This will ensure both accuracy of the information and avoid concerns about your authority to facilitate this process on behalf of other agencies, as well as any subsequent accountability for the accuracy of the information provided.

Copy of my letter to the Commissioner is attached for your information.

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Please quote: TF/21/2184

18 February 2021

Dr Nikola Stepanov
Queensland Integrity Commissioner
Level 13, 53 Albert Street
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By email: lobbyist@integrity.qld.gov.au

Dear Dr Stepanov

Thank you for your letter dated 1 February 2021 seeking my assistance to verify and update the Queensland register of lobbyist contacts (the register). Like you, I have a role to promote integrity in the public sector, including by ensuring Public Service Commission (PSC) employees meet their obligations in relation to lobbyists.

I am aware the *Integrity Act 2009* (the Act) provides a framework designed to enhance public confidence in the conduct of lobbying and government decision making and central to this governance framework is the maintenance of the register. As you note, section 72A of the Act authorises agencies to provide information to the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, however it does not appear to contemplate agencies undertaking audits, nor confirming or supplementing information on the register on your behalf.

I agree with your approach of encouraging agencies to monitor the register as part of their own recording of lobbying activity, and to report any discrepancies. This approach should strengthen compliance without placing any further or undue burden on agencies, or adversely impacting upon the independence of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner. At the next opportunity, I will encourage members of the Queensland Government Leadership Board to respond positively to your request.

Your request seeks confirmation by each chief executive of lobbying activity with officers within their administrative unit as well as all other agencies or government bodies under the administrative unit. On a practical note, it is most likely that the chief executives will be able to respond directly for their scope of responsibility, but you will need to liaise directly with each entity. This will be important in order to ensure the accuracy of the information, and to avoid concerns about the authority of chief executives to facilitate this process on behalf of other agencies as well as any subsequent accountability for the accuracy of the information provided.

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To assist you with your statutory obligations, at your request, I will be pleased to provide you with a copy of the PSC register for the period 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020.

Should your officers have any further queries or require further information, Ms Gina McCabe, Principal Consultant, Policy, Conduct and Performance, can be contacted on (07) 3003 2741 or by emailing gina.mccabe@psc.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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