Queensland Corrective Services – Annual Report 2020-2021

Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2020–21 reporting period – Section 13.3 Government bodies (statutory bodies and other entities)

| Act or instrument | Corrective Services Act 2006 |
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| Functions | The Parole Board is responsible for determining: |
| | parole applications for Board Ordered Parole (see, sections 180 and 193 of the Act) |
| | parole applications for exceptional circumstances parole – a prisoner can apply for such an order at any time and it may start at any time, however the threshold is high, and the Board has a very wide discretion as to what constitutes exceptional circumstances (see, sections 176 and 177 of the Act) |
| | decisions to amend or suspend or cancel any parole order, including a court-ordered parole order (see, Chpt 5, Part 1, Div 5 of the Act) – for example, but not limited to, where the Board reasonably believes that the prisoner has failed to comply with a condition of the parole order, or poses a serious risk of harm to someone else, or poses an unacceptable risk of committing an offence |
| | decisions to, or to endorse a decision of an individual Prescribed Board Member to, immediately suspend a parole order (including a court-ordered parole order) upon the request of Queensland Corrective Services (see, section 208A to 208C of the Act) |
| | approval for a parolee to travel interstate for longer than 7 days and include conditions (see, section 212 of the Act) |
| | approval for a parolee to travel overseas but only for a compassionate purpose and in exceptional circumstances (see, section 213 of the Act) |
| | parole applications where the No body No parole provisions apply under section 193A of the Act – that is, for a prisoner serving a period of imprisonment for a 'homicide offence' and the victim's body or remains have still not been located, the Board must refuse to grant the application unless satisfied the prisoner has cooperated satisfactorily in the investigation of the offence to identify the victim's location; and |
| | parole applications where the prisoner has links to terrorism (see, sections 193B–193E, and section 247A of the Act) – in these circumstances the Board must refuse to grant the application unless satisfied exceptional circumstances exist to justify granting the application (as distinct from an exceptional circumstances parole order issued under section 177 of the Act). |
| Achievements | During 2020-21 the Parole Board Queensland: |
| | Launched a publicly available website for stakeholders. Implemented bespoke parole order conditions to combat the domestic violence in the community Increased its representation of identified Community Board Members to include that 39% of appointed members represent Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders. |
| | Continued the success of the Court Ordered Immediate Parole Eligibility (COIPE) project to significantly reduce the number of days in custody prisoners granted immediate parole eligibility by the courts are held prior to release on parole. |
| | Initiated the Culturally Engaged Release for Indigenous Parolees (CERIP) project to increase the likelihood of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders success on parole by engaging Community Justice Groups in the parole decision and setting of order conditions. |
| | Engaged stakeholders and prisoners throughout the State in relation to the backlog of parole applications. Ensured each new appointed member received vicarious trauma training as part of the induction |
| | program and provided refresher vicarious trauma training for its members. |



| Position | Name | Meetings/sessions | Approved | Approved sub- | Actual fees |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| | | attendance | annual, sessional or daily fee | committee fees if applicable | received |
| President | Michael Byrne QC | 48 | \$433,012 p.a. annual salary equiv. to Supreme Court Judge ¹ | N/A | \$402,540.75 |
| Deputy President | Julie Sharp | 61 | \$389,711 p.a. annual salary equiv. to District Court Judge ² | N/A | \$321,872 As Deputy President \$15,556.36 As Acting President |
| Deputy President | Peter Shields | 61 | \$389,711 p.a. annual salary equiv. to District Court Judge ² | N/A | \$336,306.14 As Deputy President \$15,235 As Acting President |
| Acting Deputy President | Carolyn McAnally | 39 | \$389,711 p.a. annual salary equiv. to District Court Judge ³ | N/A | \$119,969.70 |
| Acting Deputy President | Simone Healy | 7 | \$389,711 p.a. annual salary equiv. to District Court Judge ³ | N/A | \$28,867.48 |
| Acting Deputy President | Valentina McKenzie | 17 | \$389,711 p.a. annual salary equiv. to District Court Judge ³ | N/A | \$61,334.78 |
| Professional Board Member | Carolyn McAnally | 34 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$89,842.56 |
| Professional Board Member | Dean Clifford- Jones | 64 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$128,204.05 |
| Professional Board Member | Simone Healy | 41 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$139,216.21 |
| Professional Board Member | Tracey Jackson | 78 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$141,832.62 |
| Professional Board Member | Valentina McKenzie | 61 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$89,842.56 |
| Acting Professional Board Member | Lisa Hendy | 3 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$22,823.64 |
| Acting Professional Board Member | Karen Carmody | 6 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO.3 | N/A | \$16,302.60 |





| Position | Name | Meetings/sessions attendance | Approved annual, sessional or daily fee | Approved sub- committee fees if applicable | Actual fees received | | | |
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| Acting Professional Board Member | Wendy Mulcahy | 51 | \$145,318 p.a. annual salary at SO. | N/A | \$133,137.90 | | | |
| Community Board Member | Various | 418 | Sessional Fees: \$250 for 4 hours up to \$1000 in total | N/A | \$317,250.00 | | | |
| No. scheduled meetings/sessions | 419 Board meetings | | | | | | | |
| Total out of pocket expenses | \$1941.24 (includes out of pockets expenses for domestic travel meals and allowances, motor vehicle allowances claim) | | | | | | | |

¹ President also entitled to expense of office allowance of \$11,824.03 p.a. and jurisprudential allowance of \$35,008 p.a.



² Deputy Presidents also entitled to expense of office allowance of \$11,824.03 p.a. and jurisprudential allowance of \$31,507 p.a.

³ Acting Deputy Presidents receive higher duties rates (difference between SO.3 annual salary and equivalent of District Court Judge) during periods of relieving.