

Chief Operating Officer's Message

I am pleased to present the final Annual Report of the former Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA). On 7 September 2020, the Queensland Government announced its decision to disestablish the PSBA. On 27 May 2021, the Queensland Parliament passed the *Debt Reduction and Savings Bill* which repealed the *Public Safety Business Agency Act 2014*, resulting in the PSBA being abolished from 1 July 2021. This report outlines the agency's work program and achievements from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

During this final reporting period, the PSBA delivered its core services and supported frontline agencies to deliver the best outcomes for the Queensland community. Alongside its program of service delivery, it ensured a seamless transition of functions and services to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) from 1 July 2021.

As in previous years, the PSBA delivered a range of services and functions to support the public safety agencies. The year 2020 was particularly challenging as a result of the COVID-19 health pandemic and required us to adapt the way we worked and the way we delivered our services. The commitment of the PSBA workforce to deliver quality support services regardless of the environment has always been unwavering. This report highlights our commitment to the Queensland Government's objectives for the community.

Key priorities and opportunities for the PSBA during the reporting period included:

- \$60.891 million in the QPS Capital Works Program comprised of three new facilities, two upgraded facilities, seven replacement facilities, minor works and infrastructure designations planned to commence or be completed during 2020-2021
- \$42.063 million in the QFES State Capital Works Program comprised of three new, 15 replacement and redeveloped facilities, two upgrades/extensions, minor works and property acquisitions to be commenced or completed.

As per the *Public Service Departmental Arrangements Notice (No.1) 2021* the functions and staff of Queensland Government Air (QGAir) transferred to the QPS as of Friday 23 April 2021.

While with the PSBA in the period 1 July 2020 – 23 April 2021, QGAir conducted:

- 30 organ retrieval tasks to support DonateLife
- 1952 flights transporting 8688 passengers undertaken by the QGAir Fixed Wing
- 139 search and rescue taskings undertaken by the QGAir Rotary Wing.

I was pleased to have led this agency through its final transition stage into the QPS and QFES, and to have worked with the PSBA Board of Management, the executive and senior leadership teams, and staff and colleagues of the public safety agencies. I sincerely thank all the PSBA staff for their contribution and daily commitment in serving the public safety agencies and the Queensland community.

I have every confidence that the exceptional staff of the PSBA will provide excellent services to the Queensland community from within their new agencies and I wish them all the very best in their future careers.



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