

# Governance support and advisory services

Governance support and advisory services<sup>1</sup> ensures strong, accountable government through providing high level constitutional, executive government, machinery-of-government, public administration, and protocol and international engagement support and advisory services to the Premier and across government. The service area also supports Ministerial Offices and the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.

## Key achievements for 2021–2022

- Led the transition of Governor arrangements including the farewell of the 26th Governor of Queensland, swearing-in of the 27th Governor of Queensland
- Launched the State fossil emblem community consultation campaign to vote for the 10th official State emblem
- Commenced a campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of being a government board member and to encourage people to register on the Queensland Register of Nominees via the *Join a Board* website.
- Facilitated the government's response to recommendations of Kevin Yearbury's report *Strategic Review of the Integrity Commissioner*.
- Provided protocol advice and coordination of international engagement activities including:
  - the Premier's official overseas visit to Tokyo, Japan, for the Brisbane 2032 bid
  - coordination of 10 Heads of Post and Heads of Mission official visit programs, including the Ambassador of Indonesia (May 2022) and 11 courtesy meetings with international officials based in Australia
  - coordination of whole-of-government consultation for Australian diplomats
- management of 10 official functions for visiting dignitaries, community events, and annual functions supporting Queensland's strong international relationships including delivering the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- coordination of Queensland's involvement in the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACR) to leverage and profile Queensland-China linkages through NFACR projects and grant program rounds.

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Note:

1. This service area reflects the department's management structure at 30 June 2022. Formerly Government Services in the 2021–2022 Service Delivery Statements, this service name has been changed and reflects the transition of some of its functions between service areas from 1 November 2021.

## Our performance

Service standards in DPC's *2021–2022 Service Delivery Statement* were used by the department and the government to assess overall performance of the Government Services service area. These can be found in Appendix A.

## Future directions for 2022–2023

- Continue to support the government's commitment to increasing diversity on government boards.
- Progress development of a whole-of-government framework for board appointments

- Introduce a new Queensland state fossil emblem.
- Lead the Queensland Government's Heads of Mission visits program to further Queensland's international reputation.
- Enhance Queensland's international profile by leveraging existing relationships with our sister states and other international partners to develop new engagement opportunities working in close partnership with other agencies.
- Continue to administer a suite of policies in the Premier's protocol portfolio responsibilities, including the Appointment of Honorary Consuls in Queensland, the Free Queensland Flag Scheme, State Emblems, Memorials and Monuments of Significance, and the issue of Consular Corps licence plates.