

## Queensland 2016-17 Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review

December 2016

### Overview

Queensland Treasurer, the Hon Curtis Pitt MP, yesterday released the Queensland 2016-17 Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review (MYFER).

The MYFER reveals an expected net operating surplus of \$2.026 billion – revised up from \$867 million in the 2016-17 state Budget.

The revised surplus is on the back of stronger GLNG exports and (positive) growth in the final state demand.

This Hawker Britton Occasional Paper will outline the key economic aggregates and detail key policy announcements.

### Key Fiscal Aggregates

The below financial aggregates released in the MYFER highlight that general government revenue for 2016-17 is \$54,953 million, while general government expenses are down from \$52,582 million in the 2016-17 state Budget to \$52,297 million (in the MYFER).

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Key fiscal aggregates – general government sector		
	2016-16 Budget (\$M)	2016-17 MYFER (\$M)
Revenue	53,449	54,953
Expenses	52,582	52,297
Net operating balance	867	2,026

### Jobs and Regional Growth Package

The Treasurer announced an additional \$160 million regional job creation package as part of MYFER. The \$160 million *Jobs and Regional Growth Package* is in addition to the \$40 million *Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Program* announced in the state Budget. The *Jobs and Regional Growth Package* includes:



- \$170 million for a Jobs and Regional Growth Fund, including a \$130 million boost to the Industry Attraction Fund, which will provide assistance to private sector projects and drive economic growth in regional Queensland.
- \$20 million (over two years) for a new Made in Queensland program which will provide support for Queensland's manufacturing sector through grants which supplement industry contributions.
- Local Jobs First — \$500,000 to facilitate roundtables with the private sector around the challenges of local employment.
- \$300,000 to establish a statewide Youth Tourism Leaders' Network.
- \$600,000 for a Jobs Retention Program to develop, trial and evaluate a pilot scheme in Cairns and Townsville which concentrates on increasing employment retention rates for young people.

### **Works for Queensland**

The Queensland MYFER also outlined a \$200 million *Works for Queensland* program which will provide funding to local governments to undertake infrastructure, maintenance and employment generating projects. The *Works for Queensland* program will be funded out of the (Queensland) State Infrastructure Fund.

### **Cost of living initiative**

As part of MYFER the Treasurer also announced a number of cost of living initiatives, including:

- Extending the electricity rebate;
- Reducing the rent for public housing tenants;
- Fairer fares – a reduction in South East Queensland public transport costs; and
- Continuing the first home owner grant.

### **Further information**

The Treasurer's media releases are available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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