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SUPERANNUATION (STATE PUBLIC SECTOR) ACT 1990

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 2 June 2000]

An Act to provide the machinery for the establishment of a new superannuation scheme for the State public sector and for related purposes

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990*.

Interpretation

- **2.(1)** In this Act—
- "appointed trustee" see section 5.1
- "board" means the Board of Trustees pursuant to section 3.

"deed" means the deed established pursuant to this Act.

- "fund" means the State Public Sector Superannuation Fund established pursuant to section 10.
- "government superannuation provision fund" means the account established to hold the amounts mentioned in section 10(3).
- "police 74 member" means a member of the scheme—

¹ Section 5 (Membership of board)

- (a) who, immediately before the repeal of *Police Superannuation Act* 1974, was a member of a scheme for the provision of superannuation benefits operated under that Act; and
- (b) whose membership category is the same as it was immediately after the repeal of that Act.
- **"scheme"** means the scheme for the provision of superannuation, retirement, provident or other benefits established pursuant to the deed in accordance with this Act.
- "State 72 member" means a member of the scheme—
 - (a) who, immediately before the repeal of the *State Service Superannuation Act 1972*, was a member of a scheme for the provision of superannuation benefits operated under that Act; and
 - (b) whose membership category is the same as it was immediately after the repeal of that Act.
- **"surcharge debt account"**, for a member of the scheme, means the surcharge debt account kept for the member under the *Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act 1997* (Cwlth), section 16.

"trustee" means a member of the board of trustees.

"unit of the State public sector" means-

- (a) a public sector unit; or
- (b) the Queensland Police Service within the meaning of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990*; or
- (c) the Criminal Justice Commission within the meaning of the *Criminal Justice Act 1989*; or
- (e) Legal Aid Queensland within the meaning of the *Legal Aid Queensland Act 1997*; or
- (f) the Industrial Relations Commission; or
- (g) every corporate entity (other than a local government) that is constituted by or pursuant to an Act, or that is of a description of entity provided for by an Act, which in either case collects revenues or raises funds under the authority of an Act; or

- (h) every non-corporate entity established or maintained pursuant to an Act, which is funded to any extent with moneys of the Crown, or is assisted in a financial respect by the Crown; or
- (i) the registries and other administrative offices of the courts of the State of whatever jurisdiction; or
- (j) a Magistrates Court; or
- (k) the Parliamentary Service within the meaning of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*; or
- (l) the Governor's official residence (known as 'Government House') and the administrative unit maintained in association therewith; or
- (m) a university, university college or a college of advanced education; or
- (n) an entity declared under a regulation to be a unit of the State public sector;

but does not include-

- (o) the Executive Council; or
- (p) the Legislative Assembly; or
- (q) an entity declared under a regulation to not be a unit of the State public sector.

(3) Where the functions or duties of the Crown are transferred to any department or other instrumentality of the government of the Commonwealth, another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth, the power conferred by subsection (1), definition "unit of the State public sector", paragraph (n), includes power to declare the department or other instrumentality to be a unit of the State public sector for the purposes of this Act.

PART 2—BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Establishment of board

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3.(1) The existing board is continued under the name 'Board of Trustees of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme'.

(2) The board—

- (a) is a body corporate; and
- (b) has perpetual succession; and
- (c) has a common seal; and
- (d) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The board is—
 - (a) a statutory body under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act* 1977; and
 - (b) an exempt public authority under the Corporations Law.
- (4) The board represents the State.

(5) Without limiting subsection (4), the corporation has all the privileges and immunities of the State.

(6) In this section—

"existing board" means the board established under this Act and existing immediately before the commencement of the *Superannuation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997.*

Board's principal function

4. The board's principal function is to administer the scheme.

Membership of board

5.(1) The board consists of the chief executive, who is chairperson of the board, and the following members (the "appointed trustees")—

(a) 4 individuals nominated by the Minister;

(b) 5 individuals nominated by member entities.

(2) The appointed trustees must be appointed by the Governor in Council by gazette notice.

(3) Before, or as soon as practicable after, a vacancy arises in the office of an appointed trustee mentioned in subsection (1)(b), the Minister must, by written notice, ask as many member entities as the Minister considers appropriate to nominate 1 or more individuals for appointment to the vacancy.

(4) If the Minister gives a notice under subsection (3) and does not receive a nomination for the vacancy within the time stated in the notice—

- (a) the Minister may nominate an individual for appointment to the vacancy; and
- (b) the nominee is taken to have been nominated by a member entity.

(5) In this section—

"member entity" means an industrial union, or another entity that represents its members on matters relevant to their financial wellbeing, whose members include persons who are eligible for membership of the scheme.

Eligibility to be an appointed trustee

6. A person is not eligible to be an appointed trustee if the person—

- (a) is a minor; or
- (b) is bankrupt, has applied to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounded with his or her creditors or made an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit; or
- (c) has been convicted of an indictable offence or an offence involving dishonesty.

Appointed trustees' term of office

6A.(1) An appointed trustee holds office for the term, not longer than 3 years, stated in the trustee's appointment.

(2) The office of an appointed trustee becomes vacant if the trustee—

- (a) dies; or
- (b) resigns by signed notice given to the Minister; or
- (c) becomes ineligible to be an appointed trustee;² or
- (d) is absent from 3 consecutive board meetings, of which the trustee has been given notice under procedures approved by the board, without the board's leave and without reasonable excuse.

(3) For subsection (2)(d), a trustee is taken not to be absent from a board meeting if the trustee's deputy attends the meeting.

Appointment not affected by other laws restricting employment

6B. If another Act prohibits or regulates a person's employment, or other engagement in activities, outside of a stated office or position, the Act does not prevent the person from—

- (a) being appointed to the board; or
- (b) carrying out the person's functions as a trustee; or
- (c) being paid a fee or allowance to which the person is entitled because of the appointment.

Deputies for trustees

6C.(1) A trustee may, by written notice, appoint an appropriately qualified person as his or her deputy.

(2) A trustee's deputy may attend a board meeting in the trustee's absence and exercise the trustee's powers under this Act at the meeting.

(3) In subsection (1)—

"appropriately qualified person" means a person who-

(a) is eligible to be an appointed trustee;³ and

² See section 6 (Eligibility to be an appointed trustee).

³ See section 6 (Eligibility to be an appointed trustee).

(b) has the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the trustee's powers.

Executive officer

6D.(1) There is to be an executive officer of the board.

(2) The executive officer must be appointed by the Governor in Council.

(3) A person may be appointed as executive officer whether or not the person is a trustee.

(4) The executive officer has the functions given by this Act and any other functions given by the board.

Common seal

6E.(1) The executive officer has custody of the board's common seal.

(2) Subject to the board's directions, the executive officer may execute a document on the board's behalf by signing the document and attaching the board's common seal.

Delegation by board

6F.(1) The board may delegate its powers under this Act to the executive officer, a trustee or an appropriately qualified person.

(2) A delegation of a power may permit the subdelegation of the power to the executive officer, a trustee or an appropriately qualified person.

(3) In subsection (1)—

"appropriately qualified" means having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.

Conduct of business

6G. Subject to this Act, the board may conduct its business, including its meetings, in the way it considers appropriate.

Time and place of meetings

6H.(1) Board meetings are to be held at the times and places the board decides.

(2) The chairperson—

- (a) may call a meeting at any time; and
- (b) must call a meeting on the written request of at least 7 trustees.

Conduct of meetings

6I.(1) The chairperson is to preside at all board meetings at which the chairperson is present.

(2) In the chairperson's absence—

- (a) if the chairperson has a deputy who is present at the meeting—the deputy is to preside; or
- (b) otherwise—another trustee chosen by the trustees present is to preside.

(3) A resolution is passed at a board meeting only if at least 7 trustees vote in favour of the resolution.

(4) The trustee presiding at a meeting has a deliberative vote only.

(5) A trustee present at a meeting who abstains from voting is taken to have voted for the negative.

(6) The board may hold meetings, or permit trustees to take part in meetings, by telephone, video link, or another form of communication that allows reasonably contemporaneous and continuous communication between the trustees taking part in the meeting.

(7) A trustee who takes part in a meeting under a permission under subsection (6) is taken to be present at the meeting.

Resolutions other than at meetings

6J.(1) A resolution may be made by the board, other than at a board meeting, if—

(a) at least 7 trustees give written agreement to the resolution; and

(b) notice of the resolution is given under procedures approved by the board.

(2) The resolution is taken to have been made on the day that the seventh trustee gives written agreement to it.

Powers etc. of board

7.(1) The powers, authorities, duties or functions of the board and the exercise of discretion by the board are, except as specified in this Act, to be as set out in the deed.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the board has, for or in connection with the performance of its functions, all the powers of an individual, including, for example, the power to—

- (a) enter into contracts; and
- (b) acquire, hold, dispose of and deal with property; and
- (c) appoint attorneys and agents; and
- (d) engage consultants; and
- (e) do anything else necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, the performance of its functions.

(3) Also, without limiting subsection (1), the board has the powers conferred on it by this or another Act.

Trustee indemnified

8. A trustee or the executive officer of the board or any member of the board's staff is not to incur liability at law on account of loss or damage sustained by reason of any act done or omission made under the authority of this Act or done or made in good faith by that person purporting to act under the authority of this Act and without negligence.

Remuneration of trustees

9. A trustee is entitled to such remuneration as may be approved for the time being by the Governor in Council.

PART 3—FUND AND DEED

Division 1—The fund

Establishment of fund

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10.(1) The State Public Sector Superannuation Fund (the "**fund**") is continued in existence subject to the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, part 8, division 2.4

(1A) Accounts for the fund must be kept as part of the departmental accounts of the department.

(1B) However, amounts received for the fund must be deposited in a departmental financial-institution account of the department used only for amounts received for the fund.

(2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the Government Superannuation Provision Fund forms part of the assets of the fund.

(3) The following amounts must be held in the government superannuation provision fund—

- (a) an amount transferred to the fund on a person's election, under the repealed *State Service Superannuation Act 1972* or the repealed *Police Superannuation Act 1974*, to become a member of the scheme;
- (b) an amount that—
 - (i) was previously held in the Government Officers' Superannuation Fund established under the repealed Superannuation (Government and Other Employees) Act 1988; and
 - (ii) became part of the fund on the commencement of the *Superannuation and Other Legislation Amendment Act* 1997.

⁴ Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977, part 8 (Transitional provisions), division 2 (Transitional provisions for Financial Administration Legislation Amendment Act 1999)

(4) In this section—

- "departmental accounts", of a department, means the accounts of the department under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 12.
- "departmental financial-institution account", of a department, means an account of the department kept under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 18.

Investment of fund

11.(1) Queensland Investment Corporation ("QIC") is appointed investment manager of the fund.

(2) The board must establish investment policies and objectives for the fund.

(3) The investment manager must operate under the investment policies and objectives.

(4) The investment manager must give the board or its agent all necessary information to enable them to monitor the investment manager's performance.

(5) If the Governor in Council is satisfied it is appropriate for another investment manager to be appointed for the fund or a stated part of the fund in the interests of the board's fiduciary responsibilities or the members of the fund generally, the Governor in Council may, by regulation—

- (a) revoke QIC's appointment as investment manager in whole or in part from a stated date; and
- (b) make provision for anything necessary to secure the fund.

(6) If QIC's appointment is revoked, the board may appoint a new investment manager of the fund, or a stated part of the fund, with the Governor in Council's approval.

Division 2—The deed

Deed to establish scheme

12.(1) Not later than 30 days after the commencement of this section, or such longer period as may be approved by the Governor in Council by order in council, there is to be established by deed a scheme for the provision of superannuation, retirement, provident or other similar benefits payable from the fund.

(2) The deed—

- (a) is subordinate legislation; and
- (b) may be amended by the board.

(3) An amendment of the deed is of no effect until approved by a regulation that sets out the amendment.

Membership categories

12A. The deed must provide for different categories of members.

Membership of scheme

13.(1) The Minister may, by written notice, declare that a person or member of a class of person who is a member or employee of, or engaged by, a unit of the State public sector is eligible for membership of the scheme.

(2) The notice must declare—

- (a) whether membership of the scheme is compulsory or discretionary; and
- (b) any conditions applying to membership; and
- (c) the membership category or categories for which the person, or a member of the class of person, is eligible.

(3) If there is any doubt that a person is a member or employee of, or engaged by a unit of the State public sector, the Governor in Council may, by regulation, declare whether the person is or is not a member or employee of, or engaged by, a unit of the State public sector.

(4) The Minister may, by written notice, declare that a person or member of a class of person who is a member or employee of, or engaged by, a unit of the State public sector is excepted from this Act.

(5) Before the Minister makes a notice under subsection (4), the Minister must consult with the board.

(6) The Minister may, by written notice, declare that a person is eligible for membership of the scheme if the person is the spouse of a member of the scheme.

(7) The notice must declare—

- (a) that membership of the scheme is discretionary; and
- (b) any conditions applying to membership; and
- (c) the membership category or categories for which the spouse is eligible.

(8) A notice made under subsection (1), (4) or (6) is subordinate legislation.

(9) In this section—

"spouse", of a member—

- (a) includes a person who, although not married to the member, lives with the member on a genuine domestic basis as the member's husband or wife; but
- (b) does not include a person who permanently lives separately and apart from the member.

Contents of deed

14. Save as otherwise provided by this Act and in addition to any other provisions which the board considers may be necessary or desirable, the deed may make provision for the following matters—

- (a) definitions to be used in the deed;
- (b) the operation, management and investment of the fund;
- (c) the liability for the payment of member contributions to the fund;
- (d) the level of member contributions to the fund;

- (e) the level of contribution by a unit of the State public sector in relation to members of the scheme;
- (f) the circumstances whereby, and the level of contributions in relation thereto, members may make additional contributions to the fund;
- (g) conditions for the transfer of members and amounts representing contributions to and from the scheme;
- (h) the keeping of accounts for members of the scheme and the payment of interest on such accounts;
- (i) the level of and conditions relating to the payment of benefits under the scheme to and in respect of a member, including—
 - (i) benefits on attaining the age of 55 years or older;
 - (ii) benefits for total and permanent incapacity;
 - (iii) benefits for permanent but partial incapacity;
 - (iv) benefits for short term incapacity;
 - (v) benefits on death prior to the age of 55 years;
 - (vi) benefits on-
 - (A) compulsory retrenchment from employment;
 - (B) involuntary termination of employment;
 - (C) voluntary resignation from employment;
 - (D) dismissal from employment;
 - (vii) benefits on the occurrence of such other eventuality as may be specified;
- (j) the obtaining and use of medical or like evidence in determining the payment of benefits under the scheme;
- (k) a mechanism for a review by a member dissatisfied with the grant or payment of benefits or any other decision under the scheme;
- (1) a method for the preservation of member entitlements in the fund;
- (m) the terms and conditions upon which a pension or annuity may be purchased or paid from the fund;

- (n) the terms and conditions upon which the board is to obtain actuarial advice in relation to the fund;
- (o) the payment of the expenses of operating the scheme from the fund.

Division 3—Miscellaneous

Definitions for div 3

15. In this division—

- "award" means a Commonwealth award, industrial agreement or industrial instrument, within the meaning of the *Workplace Relations Act 1997*.⁵
- "declared employee" means an employee declared under a regulation to be an employee to whom this division applies.
- **"employee"** means a person who is a member or employee of, or engaged by, a unit of the State public sector, and includes a former employee.
- **"fresh award"**, for a declared employee, means the award declared under a regulation to be the fresh award for the employee.
- **"old award"**, for a declared employee, means the award declared under a regulation to be the old award for the employee.

Special provisions for regulation-making power under division

15B.(1) A regulation may declare an employee to be a declared employee only if—

- (a) the employee was bound by an award that—
 - (i) was properly varied; or
 - (ii) was rescinded and a fresh award binding on the employee was made in substitution for it; and
- (b) the employee's salary has changed under the varied or fresh award; and

⁵ This Act was repealed by Act No. 33 of 1999.

(c) the Governor in Council declares under the regulation that the Governor in Council is satisfied that, because of the making of the varied or fresh award, the employee's benefits under the scheme were changed in an unintended way in relation to the employee's employment before the making of the varied or fresh award.

(2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that a regulation made under the definition "fresh award" may declare an award that commenced before the regulation commences to be the fresh award for the employee.

(3) A regulation made under this section expires 1 year after it is made, unless it is earlier repealed.

Benefits payable to declared employees

15C. Despite the deed, benefits payable under the scheme for a declared employee are the benefits calculated as if the employee were still employed under the old award.

Restitution if regulation stops applying

15D.(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a benefit becomes payable to a declared employee; and
- (b) the amount of the benefit is different to the amount (the "notional amount") that would have been payable if the employee were not a declared employee; and
- (c) after the benefit is paid, the regulation declaring the employee to be a declared employee expires or otherwise stops applying to the employee.

(2) If the amount of the benefit paid to the employee is less than the notional amount, the board must pay to the employee the difference between the amount of the benefit paid and the notional amount, together with interest at the rate fixed by regulation.

(3) If the amount of the benefit paid to the employee is more than the notional amount, the board may, by written notice, require the employee to pay to the board the difference between the amount of the benefit paid and the notional amount.

(4) The notice must state a reasonable time, not less than 30 days after the notice is given, by which the employee must pay the amount.

(5) If the employee does not comply with the notice, the board may recover the amount as a debt, together with interest at the rate fixed by regulation.

Division 4—Superannuation contributions surcharge

References in div 4 to benefits payable to members

15E. In this division, a reference to a benefit payable under the deed to a member of the scheme includes a reference to a benefit payable under the deed to someone else who has derived an entitlement to the benefit through the member.

Amount to be deducted from benefits

15F.(1) If a benefit is payable under the deed to a member of the scheme, the board must deduct from the employer-financed component of the benefit an amount equal to the balance of the member's surcharge debt account.

(2) This section applies subject to sections 15G and 15H.

Limit on deduction on refund of certain contributions

15G.(1) This section applies if a benefit is payable, to a police 74 member or State 72 member, as a refund of contributions.

(2) The amount deducted under section 15F must not be more than 15% of the employer-financed component of that part of the benefit that accrued after 20 August 1996.

Deduction from benefits paid as pension

15H.(1) This section applies if—

(a) a benefit is payable to a member of the scheme on ceasing to be a member or employee of, or engaged by, a unit of the State public

sector; and

(b) the benefit is payable in the form of a pension.

(2) However, this section does not apply to the payment of a pension to a child who has derived an entitlement to the pension through a member.

(3) The board must comply with section 15F by reducing the pension, by an amount equal to the balance of the member's surcharge debt account, in the way decided by the Minister on the advice of an actuary.

PART 4—ADMINISTRATION

Returns

17.(1) Throughout each year, each unit of the State public sector which employs or otherwise engages a person who might become entitled to a benefit from the fund in accordance with the deed is to furnish to the board, in such form and at or within such times as the board directs, returns with respect to such matters as the board directs.

(2) A person who—

- (a) is an employee of or engaged by a unit of the State public sector who might become entitled to a benefit from the fund; or
- (b) was an employee of or engaged by a unit of the State public sector who being entitled to a benefit from the fund preserved that entitlement; or
- (c) is a member of the scheme;

is to furnish to the board information with respect to such matters concerning that person as the board may require.

(3) If a person referred to in subsection (2) fails to comply with a requisition for information as required under subsection (2) directed to that person by the board, a benefit from the fund to which that person has become entitled is to be withheld until the requisition is complied with.

Recovery of overpayments

18.(1) Where a person has received payment of a benefit from the fund in excess of the payment to which that person is entitled under this Act or the deed, the board may recover from that person or that person's estate (if that person has died) in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due and owing to the board the difference between the payment received by that person and the payment to which that person was entitled under this Act or the deed.

(2) Where a person who has received payment of a benefit from the fund in excess of the payment to which that person is entitled under this Act or the deed, is entitled to a further payment from the fund, that excess may be deducted from the further payment prior to it being paid to that person or that person's estate.

(3) The board may also deduct interest on the overpayment from the person's entitlement to a further payment from the fund if the overpayment has been made—

- (a) because the member or person receiving the payment gave false or misleading information to the board; or
- (b) in circumstances prescribed under the deed.

(4) However, the board may deduct interest on the overpayment only if the board gives written notice to the person—

- (a) stating the amount of the overpayment; and
- (b) requiring the person to pay the amount before a stated date (at least 30 days after receiving the notice); and
- (c) stating that if the person does not pay the amount before the stated date, the board may deduct the amount together with interest at a stated rate from the person's entitlement to a further payment from the fund.

(5) The rate of interest is to be decided by the board but must not be more than the rate prescribed under a regulation.

(6) Interest on the amount is payable from the stated date.

(7) In subsection (3)—

"false or misleading information" means information that the person

giving it-

- (a) knows is false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) has omitted something from it, knowing the omission makes the information misleading in a material particular.

Recovery of unpaid contributions

19.(1) Any amount (including an amount of contribution to the fund) that is payable to the board under the scheme may be recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due and owing to the board.

(2) Any amount of contributions to the fund unpaid at the time a person ceases to be a member may be deducted from any benefits payable under the scheme before any payment is made to or in respect of that person.

Reports

20.(1) In each year the board is to make to the Minister a report on the administration of this Act and of the scheme.

(2) The Minister is to lay a copy of the board's annual report before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after the Minister receives the report.

(3) When, and as often as, the Minister may require, the board is to make to the Minister a report on such matters concerning the administration of this Act or the scheme as the Minister may direct.

Protection of expressions associated with scheme

21.(1) A person is not to use a declared expression in connection with selling the right to participate in any superannuation, insurance or provident scheme unless—

- (a) the scheme is that to which this Act relates; and
- (b) that person does so on behalf of the board.

(2) A person is not to—

(a) use any variation of a declared expression; or

(b) use any word (either alone or in conjunction with any other word) similar in sight or sound to a declared expression;

in connection with selling the right to participate in any superannuation, insurance, provident or other benefit scheme, being, in either case, a use likely to afford reasonable grounds for believing the scheme is or is associated with the scheme to which this Act relates, unless—

- (c) the scheme in question is one to which this Act relates; and
- (d) that person does so on behalf of the board.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence against this Act.

Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.

(4) In this section—

"declared expression" means an expression, associated with the scheme, declared under a regulation to be an expression to which this section applies.

Examples of expressions associated with the scheme-

- 1. A name given to the scheme.
- 2. A name given to a category of member.

Publicity of scheme

22. The board is to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all persons eligible for membership of the scheme are made aware of the benefits that arise from membership of the scheme.

Unclaimed benefits

23.(1) This section applies if a benefit payable under this Act is not claimed by a person entitled to it (the **"beneficiary"**) within 6 months after it becomes payable.

(2) The board must keep the benefit in the fund for the beneficiary.

(3) The board may pay a person the benefit only if the board is satisfied the person is the beneficiary.

(4) Payment of a benefit to a person (the "first claimant") under this section releases the board from the obligation to pay another person (a "subsequent claimant") a further benefit from the fund in relation to a member.

(5) Subsection (4) does not prevent the subsequent claimant from claiming the amount of the value of the benefit from the first claimant.

(6) In this section—

"benefit" includes interest payable on the benefit at the rate decided by the board.

Barring of claims for compensation

24. No member is entitled to any compensation by reason of the alteration of any benefit payable under the scheme which may lawfully be made in consequence of any actuarial investigation or otherwise.

False declarations

26.(1) No person is to—

- (a) in a certificate, return, declaration, or other document given or sent to, or lodged with, the board by or on behalf of that person for any of the purposes of the scheme, knowingly furnish information as to age or state of health that is false or misleading; or
- (b) for the purposes of a medical examination required to be undergone under the scheme, knowingly furnish the medical practitioner by whom the examination is made with information as to state of health or medical history that is false or misleading.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(2) If a person is convicted of an offence against this section the board may order—

- (a) in the case of a member—
 - (i) that the person is ineligible, either permanently or for such time as the board may determine, to contribute to the fund; or

- (ii) if contributions have not commenced—that the person is ineligible to commence to contribute to the fund either permanently or for such time as the board may determine; or
- (b) in the case of a recipient of a benefit—that the benefit be cancelled forthwith; or
- (c) in the case of a person other than a member or recipient of a benefit—that that person be ineligible to commence to contribute to the fund either permanently or for such time as the board may determine.

(3) Where the board makes a determination under this section in respect of a member whereby the member is precluded from contributing to the fund for a time only, any period of employment by the member during that time is to be disregarded in the calculation of a period of employment for the purpose of determining a member's entitlement, or that of a person deriving an entitlement through that member, to benefits under this Act or the scheme.

Exemption from taxation

27. Except as may be specifically provided the board and the fund are not liable to any taxation imposed under a law of Queensland.

Contributions by units

28.(1) The Treasurer may require a unit of the State public sector to pay, for each member of the scheme employed or engaged by the unit, the amount the Treasurer decides is necessary to provide for the payment of benefits to the member under the scheme.

(2) The unit must pay the amount within 1 week after the end of each pay period for the member.

(3) If the amount is not paid within the time required under subsection (2), interest accrues on the outstanding amount at the rate prescribed under a regulation for this section.

(4) The amount must be paid—

- (a) if a regulation requires payment to the board—to the board; or
- (b) otherwise—to the Treasurer.

Appropriation of contribution

29. A contribution to the fund by the Crown in accordance with the deed is to be paid by the Treasurer—

- (a) at any such time and in such manner as prescribed by the deed;
- (b) out of the consolidated fund which is appropriated accordingly.

Assignment of benefit

30. No benefit payable under the scheme is capable of being assigned, charged, taken in execution, attached or passed by operation of law or otherwise howsoever to any person other than the member or the member's estate nor is any claim to be set off against the same and any moneys payable out of the fund on the death of the member is not assets for the payment of the member's debts or liabilities.

Judicial notice of certain matters

30A.(1) Judicial notice must be taken of the imprint of the board's seal appearing on a document and the document must be presumed to have been properly sealed unless the contrary is proved.

(2) Judicial notice also must be taken of-

- (a) the signature of a trustee or the executive officer; and
- (b) the fact that the person holds or has held the relevant office.

References to discontinued schemes

30B.(1) In an Act or document, a reference to a discontinued scheme or a matter relating to a discontinued scheme may, if the context permits, be taken as a reference to the scheme established under this Act or the equivalent matter relating to the scheme established under this Act.

(2) In subsection (1)—

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- "discontinued scheme" means a superannuation scheme previously operated under any of the following Acts—
 - the Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990
 - the repealed Police Superannuation Act 1968
 - the repealed Police Superannuation Act 1974
 - the repealed Public Service Superannuation Act 1958
 - the repealed State Service Superannuation Act 1972
 - the repealed Superannuation (Government and Other Employees) Act 1988.

No appeal to industrial commission

30C. No appeal lies to the industrial commission in relation to any decision under this Act.

Regulations

31. The Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.

PART 5—TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (QUEENSLAND) ACT 1999

APRA or ASIC may be declared to be a unit of the State public sector

32.(1) Subsection (2) applies if, on or after the transfer date, a person who was an employee of QOFS immediately before the transfer date becomes—

- (a) an employee of APRA under a transfer agreement; or
- (b) an employee of ASIC under the *Public Service Act 1922* (Cwlth),

section 81B(1).6

(2) A regulation may, under section 2(1), definition "unit of the State public sector", paragraph (n), declare—

- (a) APRA to be a unit of the State public sector, if the person becomes an employee of APRA under a transfer agreement; or
- (b) ASIC to be a unit of the State public sector, if the person becomes an employee of ASIC under the *Public Service Act 1922* (Cwlth), section 81B(1).
- (3) In this section—

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- "APRA" means the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority established under the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998 (Cwlth).
- "ASIC" means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission established under the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 1989* (Cwlth).
- "QOFS" means the Queensland Office of Financial Supervision established under the *Queensland Office of Financial Supervision Act 1992.*
- "transfer agreement" means a transfer agreement under the *Financial* Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1999 (Cwlth), schedule 8, part 1, division 2.7
- "transfer date" means the date that, under the *Financial Sector Reform* (*Amendments and Transitional Provisions*) Act (No. 1) 1999 (Cwlth), section 3(16), is specified as the transfer date for the purposes of that Act.

⁶ *Public Service Act 1922* (Cwlth), section 81B (Appointment or employment of persons where functions to be performed by Commonwealth etc.)

⁷ Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1999 (Cwlth), schedule 8 (Transitional, saving and application provisions), part 1 (Transitional provisions relating to transfer from State and Territory regulatory regimes), division 2 (Transitional provisions relating to staff)

PART 6—TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND WATER BOARD (REFORM FACILITATION) ACT 1999

SEQWB officers or employees who become SEQWCo employees

33.(1) This section applies if, on or after the settlement day, a person who is an officer or employee of SEQWB immediately before the settlement day becomes an employee of SEQWCo under the sale of business agreement.

(2) A regulation may, under section 2(1), definition "unit of the State public sector", paragraph (n), declare SEQWCo to be a unit of the State public sector.

(3) A declaration under subsection (2) operates only for the purpose of this Act and must not be taken to indicate that SEQWCo has a status for the purpose of any other Act.

(4) If SEQWCo is declared to be a unit of the State public sector, the only persons, in relation to SEQWCo, who may be declared eligible for membership of the scheme, by a written notice under section 13(1), are transferred employees.

(5) In this section—

- "sale of business agreement" means the agreement called the Sale of Business Agreement entered into between SEQWB and SEQWCo on 20 September 1999 under the *South East Queensland Water Board* (*Reform Facilitation*) Act 1999, section 5(1).
- "SEQWB" means the South East Queensland Water Board established under the South East Queensland Water Board Act 1979.
- "SEQWCo" means South East Queensland Water Corporation Limited ACN 088 729 766.
- "settlement day" means the settlement day declared under the South East Queensland Water Board (Reform Facilitation) Act 1999, section 8.
- "transferred employees" means persons who are officers or employees of SEQWB immediately before the settlement day and become employees of SEQWCo under the sale of business agreement.

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3 Key

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Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

AIA	=	Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	=	previously
amd	=	amended	proc	=	proclamation
amdt	=	amendment	prov	=	provision
ch	=	chapter	pt	=	part
def	=	definition	pubd	=	published
div	=	division	- R[X]	=	Reprint No.[X]
exp	=	expires/expired	RA	=	Reprints Act 1992
gaz	=	gazette	reloc	=	relocated
hdg	=	heading	renum	=	renumbered
ins	=	inserted	rep	=	repealed
lap	=	lapsed	s	=	section
notfd	=	notified	sch	=	schedule
o in c	=	order in council	sdiv	=	subdivision
om	=	omitted	SIA	=	Statutory Instruments Act 1992
orig	=	original	SIR	=	Statutory Instruments
р	=	page			Regulation 1992
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prec	=	preceding	sub	=	substituted
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