



Queensland

Police Service Administration Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013

Explanatory Notes for SL 2013 No. 14

made under the

Police Service Administration Act 1990

General outline

Short title

Police Service Administration Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013.

Authorising law

Section 10.28 of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (the Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) previously shared information with certain agencies by providing those agencies with access to QPS information systems that existed prior to the implementation of QPRIME (Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange system). The QPRIME system was designed to amalgamate and replace those QPS information systems and computer indices. The Act allows for an entity to be prescribed as an approved agency, and therefore access information held in QPRIME. Upon being prescribed, the approved agency must then nominate specific persons who the Commissioner may approve in writing to physically access QPRIME.

The Regulation provides a mechanism for the QPS to provide QPRIME access to approved agencies. Jurisdictional case management systems such as QPRIME capture data to meet local needs within the local environment. Including the nominated agencies in the *Police Service Administration Regulation 1990* will support the rapid exchange of information between the QPS and law enforcement agencies and approved agencies.

A number of entities are currently prescribed as law enforcement agencies under the *Police Service Administration Regulation 1990*. The proposed regulation also updates the list of law enforcement agencies.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Regulation supports the Act by allowing the QPS to provide effective and efficient access to policing information to approved agencies whilst also maintaining the privacy of all persons. The Regulation prescribes agencies authorised to access QPS information, thereby limiting that access and safeguarding the community from unauthorised access to potentially personal information.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative means to effectively achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

While there are some initial implementation costs and ongoing costs associated with an approved agency's access to QPRIME, those costs will be absorbed by the approved agency. Through consultation, the financial costs associated with resourcing the sharing of QPRIME information will be absorbed by the receiving agency. Therefore, there will not be any foreseeable additional costs to Government.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation has been drafted with regard to the fundamental legislative principles and does not raise any new fundamental legislative principle issues.

Consultation

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland Treasury and Trade and the Privacy Commissioner were consulted.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Queensland Police Service.

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