

# Financial and Performance Management Amendment Standard (No. 1) 2014

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 164

made under the

Financial Accountability Act 2009

## General Outline

### Short title

*Financial and Performance Amendment Standard (No. 1) 2014*

### Authorising law

Section 57 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objectives of the amendments are to:

1. remove references to policy documents which have been withdrawn, and
2. update names of policy documents and accessibility information.

### Achievement of policy objectives

To achieve its objectives, the amendments provide for:

- changing reference to the ‘State Procurement Policy’ to the ‘Queensland Procurement Policy’ (section 19)
- removing reference to the ‘General Guidelines for Personal Expenses and the Use of Credit Cards by Public Service Employees’ as the Public Service Commission has repealed the document (section 19)
- removing reference to the ‘Property Tenure Government Land Policy’ as the policy has been withdrawn and reliance is now placed on the Land Title Practice Manual, which is published pursuant the Land Title Act (section 23), and
- updating location references for the Project Assurance Framework and Value for Money Framework to Queensland Treasury and Trade (section 23).

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Amendment Standard is consistent with the main objectives of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The amendments do not result in additional expenditure and, as a result, will not require allocation of additional funds for its implementation.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Standard is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

In accordance with section 58 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, consultation was undertaken with Queensland's Auditor-General, who expressed support for the amendments.

## **Notes on Provisions**

Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Amendment Standard.

Clause 2 states that the Amendment Standard amends the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009*.

Clause 3 amends the existing section 19 by:

- changing reference in subsection (3)(a) from the State Procurement Policy to the Queensland Procurement Policy in response to a change in the policy name, and
- removing reference to the 'General Guidelines for Personal Expenses and the Use of Credit Cards by Public Service Employees' in subsection (3)(c) and the related note which explains where a copy of this policy could be obtained.

Clause 4 amends the existing section 23 by:

- removing reference to the 'Property Tenure Government Land Policy' in subsection (4)
- updating, in the note to subsection (5), where copies of Queensland's Project Assurance Framework and Queensland's Value for Money Framework can be obtained, and
- renumbering subsections following the deletion of subsection (4).