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Overview

- Total funding over 2022-23 and 2023-24 is now **\$4.621 million** which continues to support the implementation of these historic reforms.
- The original 2021-22 operational budget allocation was **\$2.46 million** which includes **\$0.098 million** deferred from 2020-21. In addition, an allocation of **\$0.57 million** was deferred for capital works from 2020-21 into 2021-22.
- In 2022-23 Queensland Government has provided a further **\$2.95 million over two years** (to 30 June 2024) to the department to support continued implementation of these historic legislative reforms. This is inclusive of deferred funds of **\$0.9 million** from 2021-22.
- In addition, **\$0.932 million** has been provided by the Queensland Government to enable the provision of birth certificates and access to independent legal advice for potential applicants through the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. This is inclusive of deferred funds of **\$0.143 million** from 2021-22
- **\$0.747 million** was provided to Department of Justice and Attorney General in 2021-22.
- Actual expenditure incurred by the department in 2021-22 was **\$1.088 million**. **\$0.9 million** of the budget was deferred as part of the budget outcomes into 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- This leaves a residual underspend of **\$0.476 million in 2021-22**. The \$0.476 million underspend can be attributed to the fact that the Office of the Commissioner was only fully staffed from January 2022 (with six months into the financial year already passed).
- It was also an impaired start due to COVID-19 restrictions and how the office could operate, visit and engage with vulnerable communities. The Office of the Commissioner staff, and Commissioner, were directly affected by COVID-19, which as a small team, further impacted upon program activities in the 2021-22 financial year.

Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa - 2021-22 Year End Result

Financial transactions in relation to Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa are contained within the certified annual financial statements of the 2021-22 Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Annual Report which is available at <https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/resources/dsdsatsip/about/publications/annual-report/2022/financial-performance.pdf>