D. Governance arrangements

The following table identifies the governance arrangements over the Advance Queensland (AQ) initiative as at June 2018.

Figure D1
Advance Queensland governance arrangements

Membership	Role and responsibilities
Advance Queensland Strategic Leadership Group	
Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (Chair) Director-General, Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (DITID) (Deputy-Chair) Directors-general of implementing departments	• Providing strategic direction for the AQ initiative • Resolving strategic and directional issues between departments delivering AQ programs and activities • Considering significant strategic risks and issues • Considering significant evaluation findings to inform the development of policy options and future directions for AQ
Advance Queensland steering committee	
Director-General, DITID (Chair) Deputy Director-General, Innovation, DITID (Deputy-Chair) Deputy directors-general (or equivalent) of implementing departments and the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist	• Providing leadership and oversight in delivering the AQ initiative, its programs and activities • Addressing strategic and directional issues between departments delivering AQ programs and activities • Addressing program risks and issues as escalated by implementing departments • Considering significant operational risks and issues • Approving the AQ evaluation framework, strategies, and plan • Ensuring a coordinated whole-of-government approach to evaluating the AQ initiative • Endorsing/approving major evaluation reports • Reviewing key evaluation reports • Addressing strategic and directional risks and issues relating to evaluation, as escalated by the evaluation sub-committee

Membership	Role and responsibilities
Evaluation subcommittee	
Executive Director, Innovation Governance and Strategy, DITID (Chair) Senior officers from implementing departments	• Providing oversight of evaluation activities • Considering risks and issues relevant to monitoring and evaluating AQ programs and activities • Addressing evaluation risks and issues as escalated by implementing departments • Providing advice to the AQ steering committee on significant strategic and directional issues relating to monitoring and evaluating AQ programs and activities • Endorsing the AQ evaluation framework, plan, and guidance material • Reviewing, updating, and overseeing the AQ evaluation plan • Reviewing and endorsing evaluation plans and reports • Providing guidance and support on evaluation principles and practices • Addressing risks and issues as relevant to monitoring and evaluation and escalating when appropriate
Advance Queensland Implementation Unit	
Established within the Innovation Division, DITID	• Providing whole-of-initiative coordination through: – management strategies and guidance material – maintaining and providing key program information and data • Commissioning and providing oversight of key macro-level evaluations • Providing standardised and routine reports on the implementation and performance of AQ • Coordinating and disseminating key macro- and system-level data sets • Providing guidance and support on evaluation principles and practices
Expert panel	
Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (Chair), Queensland Chief Scientist, and independent experts	• Providing high-level independent strategic advice and direction to the government on the overall AQ initiative
Implementing departments and program managers	
Established within individual implementing departments	• Developing program logics and evaluation plans for groups programs with common processes, audiences, and/or objectives and priority programs (as outlined in the evaluation plan) • Resolving strategic and directional issues within departments delivering AQ programs and activities • Defining acceptable risk profile thresholds for the program and related activities • Addressing program risk and issues as necessary and escalating when appropriate • Conducting or commissioning evaluations • Conducting data collection, analysis, and validation • Providing regular implementation and performance reports

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In this appendix, implementing departments include:

- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
- Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development
- Department of Environment and Science
- Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Queensland Health
- Queensland Treasury.