1. Unit pricing enables consumers to make comparisons across the range and assess value for money. It provides the price per standard unit of measure on shelf labels irrespective of brand or package size, in addition to the total price of the product.
2. Consultation has been undertaken on a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the introduction of a mandatory scheme. The proposal will not capture small corner stores or specialty stores eg pharmacies or hardware, as most consumers do not access these outlets for their main “weekly shop”. The proposal will also not capture stores without computerised labelling systems and barcode scanners at the checkout.
3. On 5 August 2008, the Commonwealth Government announced it will introduce mandatory national unit pricing for grocery items.
4. Cabinet approved that the Fair Trading Amendment Regulation relating to unit pricing be tabled in Parliament.
5. Cabinet approved that the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland write to:
* the Commonwealth Minister outlining the Queensland scheme with the offer of progressing a national scheme using the Queensland scheme as a ‘template’ legislation and seeking a response from the Commonwealth by the end of 2008.
* his counterparts in the other States and Territories outlining the Queensland Scheme and proposal to the Commonwealth Government.
* the relevant stakeholders outlining the proposed Queensland Scheme and offer to the Commonwealth Government.
1. *Attachments*
* [Fair Trading Amendment Regulation relating to unit pricing](attachments/Fair%20Trading%20Unit%20Pricing%20Amend%20Regulation.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](attachments/RIS_Fair%20Trading%20Unit%20Pricing%20Am%20Reg.pdf)