1. Indigenous people are the most disadvantaged group in Australia. Through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) all states and territories have committed to implement strategies aimed at halving the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade.
2. The private sector made its own commitment to support closing the indigenous employment gap by announcing the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) which aims to provide 50,000 jobs nationally. The AEC is now asking all governments to participate in the AEC by providing training opportunities and public sector jobs to help achieve the target.
3. The AEC – Government Undertaking requests the Queensland Government commit to:
* supporting efforts to improve labour supply through departments responsible for education, training and employment; and
* encouraging departments and local government authorities to commit to Indigenous employment and participating in the AEC.
1. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Government's participation in the Australian Employment Covenant by agreeing to enter in the AEC - Government Undertaking.
2. Cabinet noted that Ministers responsible for Government Owned Corporations write to their Chief Executives requesting increased effort in providing Indigenous employment.
3. Cabinet noted that DEIR will ensure the AEC is involved in Queensland Government strategies to engage Indigenous employees through Government procurement, particularly building and construction projects; and
4. Cabinet noted that DEIR will promote the AEC to agencies who are developing Indigenous staff for promotion.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.