1. The *Family Responsibilities Commission Annual Report 2008 – 2009* (the Report) provides information on the operation of the Commission since its commencement on 1 July 2008.
2. In line with the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*, which established the FRC, the Minister is to be provided with the FRC’s Annual Report by 31 October each year and is then required to table the Report within 14 days.
3. The Report provides statistical and financial information about the first year of the Family Responsibilities Commission’s operations including:
* 2791 agency notifications were received, 1890 (67.71%) of which were within the Commission’s jurisdiction;
* 24 Local Commissioners were appointed by Governor in Council;
* 951 conferences were held in the four communities;
* 263 client agreements and 26 directions to attend community support services were made;
* 616 cases were referred to community service providers;
* 314 clients were being case managed at 30 June 2009; and
* 89 Compulsory Income Management orders were made and three Voluntary Income Management arrangements have been applied for.
1. The Report also contains qualitative information in the form of case studies from clients and Local Commissioners. This information reflects some of the positive effects the FRC’s actions are having on individuals and families in the trial communities, including increasing skills to deal with managing addictions, stress and finances, and engage in responsible social activity.
2. Recent media reports about the Cape York Welfare Reform trial and the Family Responsibilities Commission, particularly in relation to improving school attendance, have been very positive, and other jurisdictions are looking to the model to address school attendance and building individual and community capability.
3. Cabinet noted the FRC Annual Report 2008–2009.
4. *Attachments*
* [Family Responsibilities Commission Annual Report 2008–2009](attachments/FRC-annual-report-08-09.pdf)