1. On 30 April 2009, the Council of Australian Governments endorsed “Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business: National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009–2020” (the national framework).
2. The aim of the national framework is to achieve the high-level outcome that Australia’s children and young people are safe and well with the target of a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect in Australia over time.
3. The national framework recognises protecting children is a shared responsibility - within families and across communities, professions, services and government. The national framework suggests the best way to protect children is through supporting families through prevention and early intervention with statutory child protection services as the least desirable option.
4. The Australian Government is leading a National Implementation Plan (2009–12) endorsed by the Community and Disability Services Ministers’ Conference on 11 September 2009. Queensland is currently implementing a range of initiatives which contribute to the national framework and the outcome that Australia’s children and young people are safe and well.
5. Cabinet endorsed the National Implementation Plan (2009–12) for the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children (2009 – 2020).
6. *Attachments*
* Nil