1. The State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) has been responsible for collecting and enforcing unpaid fines in Queensland since 2000. It provides debtors with a wide range of flexible payment options to facilitate compliance by debtors.
2. SPER recovers court ordered fines, which are generally paid into consolidated revenue, and court ordered restitution or compensation which is paid to victims of crime. The effective enforcement of court fines reduces pressure on the courts by removing lower level offences from the court system.
3. SPER also recovers unpaid infringement notice penalties issued by state government agencies and other administering authorities (for example local authorities).
4. Cabinet approved the following activities to facilitate debtor compliance and enhance enforcement:
   1. amending the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* to lower the threshold for recovery via Register of Encumbered Vehicles warrants from $1,000 to $500; and
   2. amending the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* to give the State Penalties Enforcement Register express power to issue statutory notices to wind-up companies.

5. *Attachments*:

* Nil