1. During the last week of February and the first week of March 2010, an exceptional monsoonal rain event affected Queensland. Coming on top of two earlier rainfall events over the previous three months, extensive reaches of South West Queensland experienced the worst flooding in living memory.
2. Many residents lost property and personal effects. State Agencies provided support and assistance, but Local Government remains in the front line of the recovery effort. Over 550 dwellings were damaged, and more than 2500 residents have received financial assistance. The Reconstruction Taskforce continues to work with Mayors, industry and Government Agencies to ensure repairs to homes are undertaken as quickly as possible.
3. In many areas, the rain has reinvigorated the landscape and will boost the agricultural sector and local businesses that had been impacted by the long running drought. Extensive repairs are underway to road and rail network. By contrast the impact on schools and medical facilities was short term with repairs almost complete.
4. Severe Tropical Cyclone Ului made landfall near Airlie Beach early on the morning of Sunday 21 March 2010. The community was able to prepare itself following warnings issued over the preceding days.
5. Continuing stormy weather hampered restoration of electric power that was initially interrupted to 64,000 homes and businesses. While damage to private dwellings was relatively minor, over 17,600 residents have received financial assistance. The clean up of debris is all but complete.
6. Direct impacts on sugar cane and horticultural industries are less than had been feared. Mackay Port was damaged but is fully functional again. Tourism operations are back to normal for this time of year.
7. Cabinet noted the final impacts and actions taken to date.
8. *Attachments*
   * Nil