1. From 1897, previous governments controlled the lives, earnings and savings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders under a range of ‘Protection Acts’. This control included the underpayment of wages and mismanagement of savings accounts.
2. The appointment of the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce meets a key election commitment for the Palaszczuk Government. The commitment includes the establishment of a fund of up to $21 million to provide reparation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whose wages and savings were controlled by previous Queensland Governments, and appointment of a Taskforce of stakeholders to advise Government on the most appropriate way to distribute the funds.
3. The purpose of this Taskforce is to provide advice on a new Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme. Specifically, the Taskforce is to recommend eligibility criteria and consult with the community on the most appropriate model for the Reparations Scheme. Fulfilling the 2015 election commitment is intended to bring a greater sense of closure to the issue of reparations.
4. The Taskforce will be led by Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Human Rights Commission. Mr Gooda has a significant history in championing social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
5. Cabinet approved the establishment of the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce and the appointment of the following members to the Taskforce  to 30 June 2018:
	* Mick Gooda (Chairperson);
	* Pauline Ah Wang;
	* John Anderson;
	* Gail Barry;
	* Rosaline Bourne;
	* Morris Cloudy;
	* Pamela Hegarty;
	* Raymond Sambo;
	* Marshall Saunders;
	* Vivienne Schwartz;
	* Thomas Sebasio; and
	* Viola Sheridan.
6. *Attachments*
	* Nil