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 included the underpayment of wages and mismanagement of savings accounts.
2. The Queensland Government established a fund of $21 million to provide reparation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose wages and savings were controlled by previous Queensland Governments.
3. In August 2015, the government established a 12-person Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce, chaired by Mr Mick Gooda, to make recommendations to government on the criteria and assessment process for a new Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme to distribute the $21 million fund.
4. The Taskforce undertook an intensive consultation process between September and November 2015 with affected stakeholders on the most appropriate way to distribute the $21 million fund.
5. The Reparations Scheme will consist of:
* a reassessment of previously ineligible applicants;
* applications for new claimants; and
* ‘top-up’ payments of $2,200 and $1,100 respectively to the two claimant groups paid previously under the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations (IWSR) Scheme, including the beneficiaries of deceased IWSR Scheme claimants.
1. There will also be a payment of $9,200 available to eligible new claimants who were born before 1952, and $4,600 to eligible new claimants who were born between 1952 and 1959. Sick and elderly claimants will be prioritised.
2. Cabinet approved the establishment of the Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme.
3. *Attachments*
	* Nil.