1. Section 6 of the *Appeal Costs Fund Act 1973* (the Act) establishes the Appeal Costs Board (the Board).
2. The role of the Board is to administer the Appeals Costs Fund (the Fund). The purpose of the Fund is to assist in the payment of costs incurred by litigants through no fault of their own in certain circumstances, such as when decisions are upset on appeal or proceedings are rendered abortive. The Fund is financed by way of a fee imposed on initiating processes in civil and criminal proceedings in the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts.
3. Section 6(2) of the Act provides that the Board is to consist of three members, appointed by the Minister:
	* a Chairperson;
	* a member representative of and nominated in writing by the Bar Association of Queensland; and
	* a member representative of and nominated in writing by the Queensland Law Society.
4. Cabinet noted the intention of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House to appoint Ms Dominique Murphy as Chairperson and Mr Peter Eardley as a Member to the Appeal Costs Board for terms of three years commencing from the date of ministerial advice to the nominee.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.