1. Since the notification to Australia by the World Health Organisation of outbreaks of a novel strain of influenza on 24 April 2009, Queensland has been impacted by the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus.
2. The health sector has primarily coordinated response efforts to date, focusing on measures to limit the spread and public health impacts of the disease including surveillance and monitoring, border control and quarantine, the establishment of flu clinics and the provision of public health services.
3. In Queensland, the pandemic has resulted in deaths, increased hospital and particularly Intensive Care Unit activity, and a range of other impacts on both Queensland Health and the Queensland community.
4. The next phase in the pandemic response is a vaccination program. The aims of vaccination are to protect those who are vulnerable to severe disease, to assist in halting the spread of the virus and to protect the community against any second wave of the pandemic.
5. The Honourable Nicola Roxon MP, Minister for Health and Ageing, announced on 18 September 2009 that the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccine (Panvax®) had been registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
6. On 23 September 2009, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health (then Acting Premier) announced that the vaccination program in Queensland would rollout commencing 30 September 2009.
7. It is anticipated that further lessons-learned analyses will occur at an appropriate time at the conclusion of the pandemic by groups such as the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Working Group on Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness (which is being reconvened), the Australian Health Protection Committee and various other sector-specific committees.  Queensland will be represented on these groups.
8. Cabinet noted the plan for the rollout of a strategy in Queensland for Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccination for Queenslanders aged 10 years of age and older with vaccinations to commence on 30 September 2009.
9. *Attachments*

* Nil.