1. The *Queensland Cabinet Handbook* (the Cabinet handbook) requires Departments to assess all existing Government bodies every three years to ensure that they are operating effectively against their terms of reference or the functions for which they were established. The Cabinet handbook also requires Ministers to inform the Premier, in writing, that all bodies in their portfolio have been assessed and of the outcomes of the assessment.
2. The first three-year assessment of all Government bodies was originally due to be completed by 31 March 2013. However, in view of the Government’s commitment to cost cutting and an increased focus on delivering the essential activities of Government, the Premier brought forward the timeline for completing the review.
3. Ministers were asked to ensure that assessments paid particular attention to justifying the continuation of each Government body and identifying savings that could be achieved either for individual bodies, or by further streamlining the current stock of Government bodies in the Minister’s portfolio.
4. A total of 375 Government bodies were reviewed in this assessment process. Seventeen of these Government bodies have been abolished since the 2012 State election and 88 bodies are proposed to be abolished. For the purposes of this review, there are a number of ways that a body may be ‘abolished’ such as by merging with another body, transitioning to a non-Queensland Government entity, amendments to legislation or a decision of the Minister. The abolition of these bodies is estimated to result in cost savings of approximately $1 238 800. In addition, 55 Government bodies are under review which may result in further streamlining of Government bodies and cost saving opportunities.
5. Cabinet noted the review of Government bodies 2012.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil.