1. In response to the recommendations of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee’s *Report into the Crime and Misconduct Commission’s release and destruction of Fitzgerald Inquiry documents* (PCMC Inquiry), Queensland State Archives (QSA) commenced a review of all item-level metadata for closed public records in QSA’s custody. Agencies responsible for those closed records were involved in the review. The purpose of the review was to determine whether any sensitive information was provided in the public catalogue, before the metadata for those records was removed.
2. The Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts undertook to report to Parliament on the progress of the metadata review by December 2013.
3. Prior to the review, QSA held approximately 714,000 closed archival public records. To date, 60 of 61 agencies have completed the review, resulting in the release of metadata for 550,465 items. Metadata for a further 180,985 items has been withheld from the public catalogue, including 102,917 items that were previously available. The remaining agency is undertaking its review in conjunction with a broader review of the appropriateness of all Restricted Access Periods applied to the records. For this reason, this agency has advised QSA that its review may not be completed until mid 2015.
4. Cabinet approved that the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts table the *Metadata review status update* in the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [*Metadata Review Status Update*](Attachments/Metadata%20Review%20Report.PDF)