1. The report of the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland*, released on 28 February 2015, included recommendations for improving the review process for domestic and family violence related deaths in Queensland. In particular, the Taskforce recommended enhancing the existing Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Unit located in the Office of the State Coroner (the Unit), and, in consultation with key domestic violence stakeholders, immediately establishing a Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board (the Board).
2. The purpose of the Board, as set out in section 91D of the *Coroners Act 2003* is:
3. to review domestic and family violence deaths in Queensland, including—
4. deaths that occurred before the board was established; and
5. deaths that are still being investigated under this Act;
6. to analyse data and apply research to identify patterns, trends and risk factors relating to domestic and family violence deaths in Queensland;
7. to carry out, or engage other persons to carry out, research to prevent or reduce the likelihood of domestic and family violence deaths;
8. to use data, research findings and expert reports to compile systemic reports into domestic and family violence deaths, including identifying key learnings and elements of good practice in the prevention and reduction in the likelihood of domestic and family violence deaths in Queensland;
9. to make recommendations to the Minister about improvements to legislation, policies, practices, services, training, resources and communication for implementation by Government entities and Non-Government entities to prevent or reduce the likelihood of domestic and family violence deaths in Queensland; and
10. to monitor the implementation of recommendations made under paragraph (e).
11. Cabinet noted the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills intention to appoint Mr Terry Ryan, State Coroner, as the Chairperson of the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board (the Board) for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
12. Cabinet noted the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills intention to appoint Ms Barbara Shaw, Dr Jeannette Young, Assistant Commissioner Maurice Carless, Dr Mark Rallings, Ms Tammy Williams and Ms Natalie Parker as Government members of the Board for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
13. Cabinet noted the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills intention to appoint Dr Kathleen Baird, Dr Silke Meyer, Ms Elizabeth Taylor, Mr Mark Walters and Ms Angela Lynch as non-government members of the Board for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment,
14. Cabinet noted the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills intention to appoint Dr Kathleen Baird as Deputy Chairperson at the same time as she is appointed as a member.
15. *Attachments*
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