1. In October 2015, the Legislative Assembly referred an inquiry into licensing arrangements in Queensland to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.
2. As part of its inquiry, the Committee examined and considered the history of tobacco control and usage, types of tobacco licensing schemes, arrangements in other jurisdictions and international research.
3. In April 2016, the Committee submitted its report *Inquiry into tobacco licensing arrangements in Queensland, Report No. 19* to the Legislative Assembly.
4. The Committee recommended that the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services consider implementing a positive wholesale and retail tobacco licensing scheme in Queensland, giving weight to appropriate licensing fees and avoiding unnecessary regulatory red tape for small businesses.
5. The Queensland Government accepts the Committee’s recommendation.
6. Accordingly, the Department of Health will consult with stakeholders, including tobacco wholesalers and retailers to inform an assessment of the potential impacts and benefits of a tobacco licensing scheme.
7. Cabinet endorsed that the Queensland Government response to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic Violence Prevention Committee’s *Inquiry into tobacco licensing arrangements in Queensland, Report No. 19,* be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*

* [*Inquiry into tobacco licensing arrangements in Queensland, Report No. 19*, Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic Violence Prevention Committee](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to the *Inquiry into tobacco licensing arrangements in Queensland, Report No. 19*, Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic Violence Prevention Committee](Attachments/Response.PDF)