1. The *Child Death Review Legislation Amendment Act 2020* (the Amendment Act) received assent on 13 February 2020 and has been proclaimed to commence on 1 July 2020.
2. The Amendment Act amends the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014* (the FCC Act) to establish the Child Death Review Board (the Board), and provide that the Board has the following functions:
3. to carry out reviews relating to the child protection system following child deaths connected to the system;
4. to analyse data, and apply research, to identify patterns, trends and risk factors relevant to reviews under paragraph (a);
5. to carry out, or engage persons to carry out, research relevant to reviews under paragraph (a);
6. to make recommendations about—
7. improvements to systems, policies and practices for implementation by government and non-government entities that provide services to, or otherwise interact with, children and their families; and
8. legislative change; and
9. to monitor the implementation of its recommendations.
10. Section 29V of the FCC Act provides that the Board consists of the Chairperson and not more than 11 other members appointed by the Minister.
11. Cabinet noted the intention of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House to appoint the following persons to the Child Death Review Board:
* Ms Cheryl Vardon, Principal Commissioner of the Queensland Family and Child Commission as Chairperson for a term commencing on and from 1 July 2020 up to and including 10 September 2021;
* Dr Clinton Schultz as a Member and Deputy Chairperson for a term of three years commencing on and from 1 July 2020 up to and including 30 June 2023;
* the following public sector positions as Members for a term of three years commencing on and from 1 July 2020 up to and including 30 June 2023:
* Executive Director, Student Protection and Wellbeing, State Schools – Operations, Department of Education;
* Regional Executive Director South West, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women;
* Deputy Director-General, Department of Youth Justice; and
* Detective Superintendent, Child Abuse and Sexual Crime Group, Queensland Police Service;
* Dr Stephen Stathis, Clinical Advisor (Child and Youth Mental Health), Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, Department of Health as a Member for a term of three years commencing on and from 1 July 2020 up to and including 30 June 2023; and
* Mrs Hetty Johnston AM, Ms Margaret Kruger, Mr Bruce Morcombe OAM, Ms Shanna Quinn and Professor Jeanine Young as Members for a term of three years commencing on and from 1 July 2020 up to and including 30 June 2023.
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.