1. Section 621 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (the Act) provides for the establishment of the Legal Practice Committee.
2. The Committee hears and decides less serious cases against legal practitioners that do not involve 'professional misconduct' and will not result in the practitioner being ‘struck off’ the roll or suspended from practice. The Committee also hears and decides discipline applications involving law practice employees. The Committee monitors the effectiveness of the legal profession rules: the Solicitor’s Rule, the Barrister’s Rule, and the Incorporated Legal Practice Rule, and makes recommendations for improvement to the Minister. These rules govern the standards of conduct expected of all solicitors, barristers and law practice employees in their practice of law in Queensland.
3. The Committee is to consist of a chairperson, two solicitors, two barristers, and two lay members.
4. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Patricia Schmidt be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as the Chairperson of the Legal Practice Committee for a term of one year commencing on and from the day following Governor in Council approval.
5. Cabinet endorsed that Mr John McKenna KC, Mr Michael Stewart KC, Mr Martin Conroy and
Ms Barbara Houlihan be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as practitioner members of the Legal Practice Committee for a term of one year commencing on and from the day following Governor in Council approval.
6. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Loretta Lynch be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as a lay member of the Legal Practice Committee for a term of one year commencing on and from the day following Governor in Council approval.
7. *Attachments*:
* Nil.