1. On 24 June 2022, the Legislative Assembly referred to the Community Support and Services Committee (the Committee) an inquiry into decriminalising public intoxication, begging and public urination offences, and health and social welfare-based responses.
2. On 31 October 2022, the Committee tabled Report No. 23, *Towards a healthier, safe, more just and compassionate Queensland: decriminalising the offences affecting those most vulnerable* (Report No. 23).
3. Report No. 23 contains 16 recommendations, including that the public urination, public begging and public intoxication offences within the *Summary Offences Act 2005* (Qld) be decriminalised, subject to appropriate community-based diversion services being in place.
4. The Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services tabled an Interim Government Response to Report No. 23 in the Legislative Assembly on
20 January 2023.
5. The interim response acknowledged that the recommendations raise complex issues requiring careful consideration across multiple departments.
6. The Government Response noted the Committee’s 16 recommendations and committed to further consideration of these recommendations in light of any future legislative reform and investment in additional intervention and diversionary programs.
7. The Government Response also noted the Government’s already committed $1.645 billion investment over five years to improve mental health, alcohol and other drugs services, and deliver more beds, dedicated services, increased crisis response and suicide prevention initiatives and a package specific to First Nations peoples.
8. Cabinet noted the Community Support and Services Committee Report No.23, Towards a healthier, safer, more just and compassionate Queensland: decriminalising the offences affecting those most vulnerable.
9. Cabinet noted that the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services table the Government response.
10. *Attachments*:
* [*Government Response to the Community Support and Services Committee Report No. 23, Towards a healthier, safer, more just and compassionate Queensland: decriminalising the offences affecting those most vulnerable*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/CSSCReport23/Attachments/Response.PDF)