1. In December 2006 the Queensland Ombudsman tabled the report ‘*The Coronial Recommendations Project: An investigation into the administrative practice of Queensland public sector agencies in assisting coronial inquiries and responding to coronial recommendations’.*
2. The Ombudsman stated that ‘*the effectiveness of the coronial system is reduced by the fact that public sector agencies to which coronial recommendations are directed are not required to respond to those recommendations’*.
3. In 2007, new coronial reporting arrangements were established to require government departments to report their responses to coronial recommendations.
4. The *Government Response to Coronial Recommendations – 2008* (the Report) documents the Government’s response to coronial recommendations and comments, directed to the Queensland Government departments, handed down between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008.
5. The Report contains implementation details for 170 recommendations directed to the Queensland Government drawn from 31 coronial inquests and two coronial investigations. A number of recommendations were directed to more than one department, as a consequence, the report contains 183 responses. The 2008 Report highlights that of the 180 responses:
* 72 are now ‘*Completed*’ and 21 are ‘*Completed with ongoing implications*’
* 63 are ‘*Partially completed*’
* 19 are ‘*Under consideration*’
* eight are designated ‘*Not being implemented*’, indicating that the relevant agency has considered the recommendation and with the support of their Minister have made a decision not to implement it.
1. Responses were authored by the departments to which the recommendations were directed and then consolidated into the report. Further information regarding implementation or otherwise of specific recommendations should be directed to the responsible agency named in the report.
2. Cabinet approved:
* the public release of the Report*,* detailing the Government’s response to coronial recommendations and comments, directed to the Queensland Government, handed down between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008; and
* that all future government responses to coronial recommendations include responses to recommendations made in respect of Government Owned Corporations, Special Purpose Vehicles and statutory authorities.
1. *Attachments:*
* [Government Response to Coronial Recommendations – 2008](Attachments/QldGovresponsetoCoroner.pdf)