1. In 2007, the Queensland Government commenced the implementation of reforms to address all recommendations from the Honourable WJ Carter QC’s report, *Challenging Behaviour and Disability – A Targeted Response* (the Carter Report).
2. Implementation of the 6-year Positive Futures initiative focuses on the provision of positive behaviour support to clients through the establishment of legislative safeguards and tailored support services for clients.
3. During the first four years of implementation, the Positive Futures initiative has resulted in a legislative framework from 2008 to regulate and reduce the use of restrictive practices, the creation of a Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support in partnership with the University of Queensland, a Specialist Response Service that provides clinical advice and support to service providers and clients across the state, and a range of purpose-built accommodation to meet the needs of clients.
4. Key implementation achievements in 2010–11 include:
* A significant reduction in the use of restrictive practices by disability service providers in the support of adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability with challenging behaviour.
* The provision of financial support to non-government service providers to build capability in the delivery of positive behaviour support to clients.
* The provision of best-practice training to service providers by the Centre of Excellence in Behaviour Support, especially in the areas of functional assessment and positive behaviour support approaches.
* The provision of clinical advice, support and mentoring by Specialist Response Service teams and the Mental Health Assessment and Outreach Team across the state to government and non-government service providers with Positive Futures clients.
* The completion of more transitional, emergency and crisis accommodation at Wacol.
* The construction of a purpose-built Forensic Disability Service at Wacol, and the recruitment of specialised staff from Australia and overseas to staff the facility on a 24 hour basis.
1. Cabinet noted progress to date in implementing the recommendations from the Carter Report between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.
2. *Attachments*
* Nil.