1. Section 141 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the Act) states there is to be a Privacy Commissioner.
2. The term of appointment of the former Privacy Commissioner, Ms Linda Matthews, ended in 2011.
3. Section 142(1) of the Act provides that the Privacy Commissioner’s role is that of a deputy to the Information Commissioner, with particular responsibility for matters relating to the Information Commissioner’s functions under the Act.
4. Section 143 of the Act provides that the Privacy Commissioner is subject to the direction of the Information Commissioner.
5. Section 144(1) of the Act provides that the Privacy Commissioner is appointed by the Governor in Council. Section 144(2) states that the Privacy Commissioner is appointed under the Act and not under the *Public Service Act 2008*.
6. Section 146(1) of the Act provides that the Privacy Commissioner holds office for the term of not more than five years stated in the instrument of appointment.
7. In July 2015, the role of Privacy Commissioner was advertised in *The Courier-Mail*; *The Weekend Australian* and the *Queensland Government Smart Jobs and Careers* with a closing date of 31 July 2015. Fourteen applications were received through this process.
8. A selection panel, chaired by the Information Commissioner, shortlisted and interviewed four candidates. Mr Philip Green was identified as being the most meritorious candidate. Referee reports confirmed the panel’s findings that Mr Green was a strong candidate, capable of excelling in the role.
9. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Philip Green be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as the Privacy Commissioner for a term of three years commencing from the day after Governor in Council approval.
10. Cabinet noted consultation would occur with the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee prior to seeking Governor in Council approval as required by the Act.
11. *Attachments*
* Nil.