1. Queenslanders come from over 220 countries and territories, speaking over 220 languages. A multicultural society provides opportunities for a diversified workforce and business ventures, access to tourism and export markets.
2. The Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council is established under the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016.*
3. The Council will provide advice and make recommendations to the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs on:

* the needs, aspirations and contributions of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
* raising awareness of the Multicultural Queensland Charter within the community;
* developing and implementing government policies about multiculturalism; and
* how services and programs funded by government can be responsive to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

1. The Council is chaired by the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.
2. Cabinet noted the intention to appoint the following inaugural members to the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council for a term of three years from 1 August 2016:

* Mr Elijah Buol
* Mr Ali Kadri
* Mr Ataus Samad
* Mr Jason Steinberg
* Mr Serge Voloschenko
* Dr Nora Amath
* Ms Kerrin Benson
* Ms Jayde Geia
* Ms Joon-Yee Kwok
* Ms Tracy Watson
* Ms Gitie House

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.