1. On 6 June 2022, the Queensland Government announced an independent Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA testing in Queensland led by the former President of the Court of Appeal, retired judge Mr Walter Sofronoff KC.
2. The Commission of Inquiry was established to ensure transparency, identify opportunities for improvement and ensure public confidence in the collection of DNA and the testing and analysis undertaken in Queensland, and in the criminal justice system more broadly.
3. On 8 September 2022, the Commissioner provided the Queensland Government with an interim report – *Report concerning use by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services of certain evidentiary statements*.
4. The Queensland Government has accepted all recommendations in the interim report.
5. Queensland Health and the Queensland Police Service have commissioned taskforces to respond to the findings and assist with implementation of the Commissioner’s recommendations.
6. Cabinet noted the interim report provided by the Commissioner for Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing in Queensland ‘Report concerning use by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services of certain evidentiary statements’
7. Cabinet approved the Government Response accepting all recommendations for implementation.
8. Cabinet approved public release of the interim report, subject only to withholding the ‘schedule’ to the interim report which reveals the identities of persons mentioned, to ensure the protection of individuals’ privacy, and the Government Response.
9. Cabinet approved the appointment of Professor Frank Gannon to provide independent oversight of the implementation of the recommendations of the interim report relating to the re-issuing of sworn witness statements and associated processing of samples testing policy from February 2018 to June 2022.
10. *Attachments*:
* [Report concerning use by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services of certain evidentiary statements](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Sep/IntRepResponseCOIForensicDNAtesting/Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government Response – (Media Statement)](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Sep/IntRepResponseCOIForensicDNAtesting/Attachments/Response.pdf)