1. The purpose of the QCAR framework is to increase the quality and consistency of teaching and learning. This is done by aligning the curriculum with assessment of student learning and the way student achievement is reported.
2. The framework was developed in collaboration with the state, catholic and independent schooling sectors. Implementation of the framework and development of its key products commenced in 2005.
3. The first phase of the QCAR evaluation strategy has established baseline data about current practices in Queensland schools Years 1-9. Reporting on the outcomes of QCAR will occur as part of Phase 2 of the Evaluation strategy.
4. Achievements of QCAR during 2008 included:

* release of QCAR Essential Learnings and Standards to schools
* launch of the Assessment Bank in July 2008
* extended trial of Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks (QCATs), and
* endorsement of QCAR Guidelines for Reporting.

1. Cabinet noted Phase 1 of the evaluation of the QCAR Framework and progress on implementation of QCAR since July 2007.
2. *Attachments*

* Nil.