1. Domestic and family violence is a serious and complex issue. Women and children are most often the victims of violence in the home and within their relationships. Indigenous victims of violence are more likely to be seriously injured and intimate partner homicides are double that of other types of homicide. People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people from rural and remote areas, people with a disability, older people or lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people may also be particularly vulnerable.
2. A consultation paper on aQueensland Government Strategy to target domestic and family violence was approved for release and a consultation process was held between 27 October and 19 December 2008.
3. The goal of the Strategy is to better protect victims, particularly women and children, by breaking the cycle of violence as early as possible. Five areas for reform have been identified:
* a focus on prevention to stem violent behaviour;
* expanding professional capacity to improve early identification of risk and increase the network of support for victims;
* better connecting the human services and justice responses to improve safety and wellbeing;
* strengthening justice responses to hold perpetrators responsible via criminal and civil mechanisms; and
* improving planning and coordination across governments to better target effort.
1. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Government Strategy to Reduce Domestic and Family Violence2009-2014.
2. Cabinet noted Queensland Government Strategy to Reduce Domestic and Family Violence: Program of Action 2009-2010.
3. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Government Strategy to Reduce Domestic and Family Violence 2009-2014](Attachments/Strategy%20to%20reduce%20domestic%20and%20family%20violence%2020-14.pdf)
* [Queensland Government Strategy to Reduce Domestic and Family Violence: Program of Action 2009-2010](Attachments/program-of-action.pdf)