1. The Sentencing Advisory Council for Queensland was established under changes to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992 (Qld),* to help bridge any gap between community expectations, the courts and government on the complex issue of sentencing criminal offenders.
2. The aims behind the Sentencing Advisory Council will be to promote greater consistency in sentencing; stimulate balanced public debate and incorporate informed public opinion into the process thereby enhancing public confidence in the system
3. The Sentencing Advisory Council will achieve its objectives through its functions of advising on sentencing matters, including:
* providing its views to the Court of Appeal when the Court is considering giving or reviewing a guideline judgment;
* advising the Attorney-General on matters relating to sentencing as requested;
* obtaining the community’s views in relation to sentencing; and
* researching, educating and consulting on matters relating to sentencing.
1. The Sentencing Advisory Council will be asked to undertake an examination of the appropriate Queensland offences to which a minimum standard non-parole period should apply and to recommend the appropriate length of the standard non-parole period for each of the offences identified. The Council will report on its examination to the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations.
2. Cabinet endorsed in principle the implementation of standard non-parole periods for serious crimes against the person involving violence, or which involve sexual offending.
3. Cabinet noted that the Sentencing Advisory Council will be asked to advise the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations on appropriate offences to be subject to standard non-parole periods and on appropriate non-parole.
4. *Attachments*
* Nil