1. In February 2012, the Queensland Teacher Implementation Taskforce released its Report detailing proposed reforms to further enhance the quality of teaching in Queensland schools, and lead to improved student learning outcomes.
2. On 4 May 2012, the Productivity Commission released the *Schools Workforce Productivity Commission Research Report 2012*.
3. The Report proposes a package of reforms giving priority to:

* improving teacher quality;
* reducing teacher shortages;
* improving educational disadvantage; and
* strengthening the use of evaluation and research in policy making.

1. In response to the Taskforce report and the Productivity Commission Report, the Queensland Government is finalising a directions paper *A Fresh Start: Improving the preparation and quality of teachers for contemporary Queensland school settings*, which includes actions to address issues relating to graduate teacher preparation and teacher supply and demand.
2. Cabinet noted the recommendations of the Report of the Queensland Teacher Implementation Taskforce.
3. Cabinet noted the findings of the Australian Government *Schools Workforce Productivity Commission Research Report 2012.*
4. Cabinet endorsed the directions paper *A Fresh Start: Improving the preparation and quality of teachers for contemporary Queensland school settings* (Overview) which responds to the recommendations of the Taskforce Report and the Australian Government Report and includes actions to address issues relating to graduate teacher preparation and teacher supply and demand.
5. *Attachments*

* [*A Fresh Start: Improving the preparation and quality of teachers for contemporary Queensland school settings* (Overview)](Attachments/Fresh%20Start%20Overview.pdf)