1. Section 685 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (the Act) provides that there must be a Council of the Queensland Law Society (the Council) and that the Council is to consist of not less than seven and not more than 12 members, namely:
2. an Australian legal practitioner appointed by the Minister (Minister’s nominee); and
3. the president, any deputy president and the vice-president of the law society as mentioned in section 686 (deals with situation when vacancy occurs in the office of deputy president when deputy president becomes president); and
4. members of the law society, elected or appointed under the society rules.
5. Under the Act, the Council has the sole management of the Queensland Law Society (QLS), which is a representative and regulatory body corporate of legal practitioners in Queensland. The QLS administers the legal practitioners’ fidelity guarantee fund, the issuing of annual practicing certificates and other consequential matters.
6. Section 685(3) of the Act provides that members of the Council are to hold office for two years and are eligible for re-election or reappointment.
7. Cabinet noted the intention of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to appoint
Mr Paul Spiro as the Minister’s nominee to the Council of the Queensland Law Society for a term commencing from 1 January 2014 up to and including 31 December 2015.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.