1. The Government has been creating a safer, fairer and more sustainable building and construction industry through implementation of the Queensland Building Plan.
2. As part of reforming the culture and payment practices of the building and construction industry, an independent evaluation and an investigation have been undertaken to determine the effectiveness of the existing legislative framework by the Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel (BIF Panel) and the Special Joint Taskforce (SJT).
3. Project Bank Accounts commenced on 1 March 2018 and currently apply to certain government building contracts valued between $1 million and $10 million (Phase 1). The Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport established the independent Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel (the Panel) in May 2018. The Panel provided its report *Building Fairness: An evaluation of Queensland’s Building Industry Fairness Reforms* to the Government on 29 March 2019 making 20 recommendations to further enhance security of payment reform and the PBA framework.
4. The Special Joint Taskforce was established on 27 March 2019 to investigate complaints of fraudulent behaviour relating to subcontractor non-payment and consider the ability of government and regulators to respond to such behaviour. The SJT Report was provided to the Government on 28 June 2019 and made 10 recommendations.
5. Cabinet approved the government response to *Building Fairness: An evaluation of Queensland’s Building Industry Fairness Reforms* and noted that the BIF Report and response would be tabled.
6. Cabinet approved the release of the Special Joint Taskforce Report and its Government Response.
7. *Attachments*
* [*Building Fairness: An Evaluation of Queensland’s Building Industry Fairness Reforms*](Attachments/BIFReport.PDF)
* [Government response to the recommendations of *Building Fairness: An Evaluation of Queensland’s Building Industry Fairness Reforms*](Attachments/BIFResponse.PDF)
* [Special Joint Taskforce Report](Attachments/SJTReport.PDF)
* [Government response to the Special Joint Taskforce Report](Attachments/SJTResponse.PDF)