1. In January 2021, Mr Terry Ryan, State Coroner delivered his findings in relation to the Inquest into the death of Cindy Leigh Miller. Recommendation 2 of the Inquest was that the Queensland Government consider whether to commission an independent review of the current arrangements for the investigation of police-related deaths on behalf of the coroner and the oversight of those investigations.
2. The Queensland Government has accepted implementing Recommendation 2 of the Inquest into the death of Cindy Leigh Miller. The review will be undertaken by a suitably qualified candidate appointed by the Premier and Minister for Trade (Premier), the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (Attorney-General) and the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services to examine the current arrangements for the investigation and oversight of deaths in police custody or in the course of, or as a result of, police operations, to ensure transparency and public confidence is maintained.
3. The independent review will also examine the existing framework for the review of domestic and family violence deaths where the Queensland Police Service had been involved prior to the death. The independent reviewer will make recommendations relevant to the most appropriate mechanism to ensure that prior police involvement in domestic and family violence deaths is subject to independent, timely and transparent review in a way that does not prejudice other proceedings.
4. A report on the findings and recommendations of the review is to be provided to the Premier, the Attorney-General and the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services.
5. Cabinet accepted in full, Recommendation 2 of the State Coroner’s Findings in the Inquest into the Death of Cindy Leigh Miller, to consider whether to commission an independent review of the current arrangements for the investigation of police related deaths on behalf of the coroner and the oversight of those investigations.
6. Cabinet approved commissioning an independent review to examine: the current arrangements for the investigation and oversight of deaths in police custody or in the course of, or as a result of, police operations; and the most appropriate mechanism to ensure that prior police involvement in domestic and family violence deaths is subject to independent, transparent and timely review.
7. Cabinet approved the appointment by the Premier and Minister for Trade, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services of a suitably qualified candidate to conduct the review.
8. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the State Coroner’s Findings in the Inquest into the Death of Cindy Leigh Miller being published.
9. *Attachments*:
	* [Queensland Government response – Inquest into the Death of Cindy Leigh Miller](Attachments/Response.PDF)