1. Domestic and family violence is a serious and complex issue. Women and children are most often the victims of violence in the home and within their relationships. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can be up to 45 times more likely to experience domestic and family violence than non-Indigenous people. People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people from rural and remote areas, people with a disability, and older people may also be particularly vulnerable.
2. In 2004, Access Economics estimated the cost to Australia of domestic and family violence at $8.1 billion per annum with the majority of costs being borne by the person experiencing violence. If extrapolated, based on a population share estimate, this would equate to between $1.5 to $2 billion to the Queensland economy.
3. The consultation paper outlines some facts about domestic and family violence, a rationale for developing a strategy and ideas for initiatives. The paper details the features of the Queensland Government’s current approach and proposes options which could be further considered in the development of a final strategy. The Department of Communities will use the “Get Involved” website, involve the Ministerial Advisory Council on Domestic and Family Violence and its member networks in consultation meetings and provide a 1800 telephone number for those who do not have access to the internet or who are vision impaired.
4. Cabinet approved the public release of the consultation paper: *A Queensland Government strategy to target domestic and family violence.*
5. *Attachments*
* [Consultation Paper: A Queensland Government strategy to target domestic and family violence 2009-2013](attachments/QG%20Strategy%20to%20Target%20DFV%20Consultation-paper.pdf)