1. Cabinet noted the Queensland Counter-Terrorism Committee’s Annual Report 2008 which reported on activities undertaken by Queensland Government agencies to implement the *Queensland Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2008-10* to strengthen counter-terrorism capabilities and arrangements.
2. During 2008 Queensland Government agencies have continued to work closely with the Commonwealth and other states and territories to maintain high levels of collaboration to counter terrorism threats across the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery spectrum. Key highlights in 2008 included:

* Implementation of the *Queensland Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2008-2010, Queensland Counter-Terrorism Plan* and the *Queensland Manual for Protecting National Security Information*.
* The development of the *Queensland Terrorism Risk Context Statement* to assist and guide capability development against accessed risks.
* Proclamation of the *Transport Security (Counter-Terrorism) Act 2008* and development of the *Queensland Plan for the Protection of Surface Transport Operations from Terrorism.*
* Reviewed and refined the operation of the *Protocol for a Significant Threat to the Public Transport System.*
* An integrated multi-agency approach to the conduct of counter-terrorism exercises providing improved collaborative outcomes for Queensland agencies.
* New strategic governance arrangements to be used in a terrorism context including:
* a combined ministerial and senior officials committee to provide strategic direction (the State Security Committee) during an incident or threat, as required;
* a mechanism for facilitating a coherent, whole-of-government public information effort (the Crisis Communication Network); and
* a strengthened relationship with the senior officials of the State's Disaster Recovery Group.
* Development of a *Disaster Framework* in conjunction with Smart Services Queenslandto support integrated public information disseminated from call centres.
* Queensland’s participation in Mercury 08, a multi-jurisdictional national counter‑terrorism exercise that focused on strategic policy, investigation, response and consequence management.
* Finalisation of the major Transport Precinct Review with the release of the report: *Review of Counter-Terrorism Plans and Arrangements at Five Major Queensland Transport Precincts.*
* International accreditation for Queensland’s Urban Search and Rescue capability.

1. *Attachment*

* [Queensland Counter-Terrorism Committee Annual Report](Attachments/QCTC%20Annual%20Report%2008.docx)