1. The *Holiday Act 1983* (the Act) was amended in 2010 by the *Holidays Act Amendment Bill 2010* to provide for observance of two public holidays for Christmas Day 2010 on Saturday, 25 December and Tuesday, 28 December (Monday, 27 December already being a substitute public holiday for Boxing Day) and two public holidays for New Year’s Day 2011 on Saturday, 1 January and Monday, 3 January. During parliamentary debate on that Bill, the then Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations committed to commence a review of the Act in 2011.
2. The Act is being reviewed to:

* to assess the community’s willingness for a public holiday in the second half of the year;
* to ensure its continuing effectiveness in its role within the current industrial relations jurisdictional arrangements;
* to assess its consistency with developments in industrial relations entitlements and public holiday arrangements in other jurisdictions;
* to make certain that it meets the needs of Queensland workers and the community; and
* to ensure that its structure and language accords with modern legislative drafting practice.

1. Three options for consideration relating to the issue of public holidays have been identified:

* the appointment of a public holiday in the second half of the year;
* an amendment to prescribe an additional public holiday whenever Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day public holidays fall on a weekend; or
  + - an amendment to prescribe an automatic substituted day whenever Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day public holidays fall on a weekend.

1. Comments received from stakeholders will be given consideration in any further action taken as part of the review of the Act.

5. Cabinet approved commencement of a review of the *Holiday Act 1983*.

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.