1. The Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland is constituted under the *Speech Pathologists Registration Act 2001* and its main objectives are to provide for the registration of speech pathologists, protect the public by ensuring health care is delivered by registrants in a professional, safe and competent way and to uphold the standards of practice within the profession.
2. Queensland is currently the only state that retains a state based registration scheme for health practitioners.
3. On 13 June 2012, the Minister for Health endorsed that state based registration of speech pathologists and dental technicians should cease, consistent with the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council decision on 5 March 2009 that speech pathologists and dental technicians did not meet the criteria for national registration.
4. Continuity of the Speech Pathologists Board is required to perform the regulatory functions for the speech pathology profession under section 11 of the Act until this decision can be implemented.
5. Section 20 of the Act provides for a member to be appointed for a term of not more than four years.
6. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Meredith Kilminster (Chairperson), Ms Elizabeth Ward (Deputy Chairperson), Dr Wendy Pearce, Ms Alison Smith, Ms Anne-Marie Hunter, Mr Max Howard and Ms Christine Jones be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as members of the Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland for a term of six months commencing on the date of Governor in Council approval, as follows:

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| **Proposed Candidate** | **Position** | **Nomination** |
| Ms Meredith Kilminster (Chairperson) | Registrant member | Minister for Health and Speech Pathology Australia |
| Ms Elizabeth Ward (Deputy Chairperson) | Registrant member | Speech Pathology Australia |
| Dr Wendy Pearce | Registrant member | The University of Queensland |
| Ms Alison Smith | Registrant member | James Cook University |
| Ms Anne-Marie Hunter | Public member | Queensland Consumers Association |
| Mr Max Howard | Public Member | Minister for Health |
| Ms Christine Jones | Lawyer member | Queensland Register of Nominees to Government Bodies |

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.