1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders continue to experience disadvantage in accessing the labour market, and are overrepresented in unemployment statistics. *Moving Ahead* is the Queensland Government’s new economic participation strategy, and aims to ensure Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people have equitable access to the benefits of Queensland’s economy.
2. *Moving Ahead* includes 27 actions to be delivered by Queensland Government departments, which align to the following five priorities:
* Build a more skilled and diverse workforce
* Focus on youth, and plan for future success
* Build our partnership with industry
* Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurship, business growth and innovation
* Overcome barriers and realise opportunities to completion.
1. *Moving Ahead* includes two particularly significant initiatives: to increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders employed in Queensland’s public sector; and to develop a strategy that will target an increase in Government procurement contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses.
2. The *Queensland Public Sector Workforce Strategy* *to increase the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders 2016–2022* requires the Queensland Public Sector reach a 3 per cent aggregate target on the direct employment of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people by 2022. This is a significant increase as the latest available data indicates less than 2 per cent of the Queensland public sector currently identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
3. *Moving Ahead* also recognises that significant procurement opportunities exist for Indigenous businesses, and requires the development of a Queensland Indigenous Procurement Policy that establishes a target to increase Queensland Government procurement contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses by 2022.
4. Queensland Government departments will implement their respective actions under *Moving Ahead,* and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships will coordinate relevant reporting requirements.
5. Cabinet endorsed *Moving Ahead: A strategic approach to improving the participation of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland’s economy 2016–2022* and its public release.
6. *Attachments*
* [*Moving Ahead: A strategic approach to improving the economic participation of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland’s economy 2016–2022*](Attachments/Strategy.PDF)