1. On 25 February 2016, the Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Agriculture and Environment Committee inquire into and report on the Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland. The Committee tabled its Report on 21 October 2016.
2. The report made 11 recommendations for the Government to consider relating to Queensland’s sole laboratory with Hendra virus testing capability being located in Brisbane, proposing support for rapid on site testing for the virus, suggesting Queensland Government intervention in the management and handling of the vaccine, recommending updates to guidelines for veterinarians, clarifying their obligations, particularly relating to their workplace health and safety obligations and promoting the use of the vaccine.
3. The recommendations are generally non-controversial and the Queensland Government response is predominantly supportive of the recommendations.
4. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 24, Review of the Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland.
5. Cabinet noted that the Government response was to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 24, Review of the Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 24, Review of the Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland](Attachments/Response.PDF)