1. On 11 July 2016, following the tragic death of 21 month old Mason Jet Lee, the Premier and Minister for the Arts wrote to the Principal Commissioner, Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC), requesting the QFCC work with all agencies reviewing their contact with Mason and his family to ensure the reviews were undertaken in a speedy and thorough manner.
2. The circumstances of the death of Mason Jet Lee has been the subject of several reviews and investigations including: Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) internal Systems and Practice Review; DCCSDS external review by an independent Child Death Case Review Panel; and Queensland Health (QH) Service Investigation.
3. The QFCC independently considered these reviews under its oversight provisions as set out in the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014*.
4. The QFCC submitted the Report: *A systems review of individual agency findings following the death of a child* (the QFCC Report) and established that the reviews and investigations conducted by DCCSDS and QH were satisfactory, and complied with their terms of reference and legislative requirements. QFCC has identified ways to strengthen Queensland’s current child death review processes.
5. The QFCC Report makes a single recommendation for the Government to consider a revised, independent external model for the review of a child’s death or serious injury ‘known to the child protection system’.
6. Cabinet noted the Queensland Family and Child Commission report: *A systems review of individual agency findings following the death of a child* (the QFCC Report), including its recommendation for the Queensland Government to consider a revised external and independent model for reviewing the deaths of children ‘known to the child protection system’.
7. Cabinet approved the public release of the QFCC Report.
8. Cabinet accepted the recommendation in the QFCC Report which will be implemented in full.
9. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Family and Child Commission report: *A systems review of individual agency findings following the death of a child*](Attachments/Report.PDF)