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for

An Act to amend the *Coroners Act 2003*

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

Clause 1	Short title	2
	This Act may be cited as the <i>Coroners (Reporting Arrangements) Amendment Act 2007</i> .	3 4
Clause 2	Act amended	5
	This Act amends the <i>Coroners Act 2003</i> .	6
Clause 3	Insertion of new s 47A	7
	After section 47—	8
	<i>insert—</i>	9
‘47A	Acting on coroner’s findings and comments	10
	‘(1) This section applies if—	11
	(a) under section 46(2)(d)(ii), a coroner gives a written copy of the coroner’s comments (the relevant document), made in relation to a death investigated at an inquest, to the chief executive officer of a government entity; or	12 13 14 15
	(b) under section 47(2)(b), a coroner gives a written copy of the coroner’s findings and comments (also the relevant document), made in relation to the investigation of a death in care or death in custody, to the appropriate chief executive.	16 17 18 19 20
	‘(2) The chief executive officer or chief executive must, within 48 hours after receiving the relevant document, give the coroner a written notice acknowledging receipt of the document.	21 22 23
	‘(3) Also, the chief executive officer or chief executive must, within 6 months after receiving the relevant document, give the coroner an interim written report stating—	24 25 26
	(a) what action the chief executive officer or chief executive has taken in relation to the document; or	27 28

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- (b) if the chief executive officer or chief executive has not taken any action in relation to the document—the reasons why no action has been taken.
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- ‘(4) Also, the chief executive officer or chief executive must, within 1 year after receiving the relevant document, give the coroner a final written report stating—
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 - (a) what action the chief executive officer or chief executive has taken in relation to the document; or
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 - (b) if the chief executive officer or chief executive has not taken any action in relation to the document—the reasons why no action has been taken.
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- ‘(5) If the coroner is not satisfied with the content of a report received under subsection (3) or (4), the coroner may give the responsible Minister a written notice stating why the coroner is not satisfied with the content of the report.
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- ‘(6) If the coroner does not receive a report under subsection (3) or (4), the coroner must give the responsible Minister a written notice stating that the report has not been received.
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- ‘(7) Subsection (8) applies if, despite giving the responsible Minister a notice under subsection (5) or (6), the coroner does not within 6 months after giving the notice receive from the chief executive officer or chief executive a written report, satisfactory to the coroner, stating—
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 - (a) what action the chief executive officer or chief executive has taken in relation to the relevant document; or
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 - (b) if the chief executive officer or chief executive has not taken any action in relation to the relevant document—the reasons why no action has been taken.
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- ‘(8) The coroner must give the Attorney-General a written report about the action taken by, or inaction of, the chief executive officer or chief executive in relation to the relevant document.
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- ‘(9) The Attorney-General must, as soon as practicable after receiving a report under subsection (8), cause a copy of the report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.
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- ‘(10) In this section—
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- coroner** includes the State Coroner.
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responsible Minister means—

- (a) if subsection (1)(a) applies—the Minister administering
the Government entity; or
- (b) if subsection (1)(b) applies—the appropriate Minister,
as defined in section 47(3).’.

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