1. The proposed Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 would amend legislation administered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to provide for the following matters:

* **Provision of Queensland Senior School qualifications overseas**

The intention of the proposal is to give eligible students at overseas schools the opportunity to receive Queensland senior school qualifications. Currently, this is the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and a Statement of Results.

* **Publication scheme for non-compliance under the *Child Care Act 2002***

It is proposed to amend the *Child Care Act 2002* (CCA) to provide parents and guardians with access to information about licensed child care services (with the exception of school age care) that demonstrate serious and/or repeated moderate non-compliance with the CCA. It is intended that the information would be published on a DET website that is publically accessible. The information would also be added to the register of child care service licences that is kept by DET and that is available for inspection by the public.

* **Providing the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) with added functions with respect to kindergarten guidelines**

On 2 July 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) released the *Early Years Learning Framework* (EYLF), which provides a broad guide for educators to support and enhance children’s’ learning from birth to five years, and support the transition to school. It is anticipated that the EYLF will be mandated through the National Quality Standards, when these are considered by COAG at the end of 2009.

Queensland is currently implementing a kindergarten program for all 3½ to 4½ year old children as part of the *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland* initiative. It is proposed that the *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002* be amended to the enable QSA to develop guidelines for implementation in kindergartens in Queensland, that align with the EYLF.

1. Cabinet approved:

* the proposal to enable the delivery of Queensland senior school qualifications to schools overseas offering the Queensland syllabus;
* the proposal to enable publication of non-compliance information about child care services;
* the proposal to amend the *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002* to enable the Queensland Studies Authority to develop, purchase, revise, approve and accredit kindergarten guidelines; and
* the preparation of the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2009.

1. *Attachments:*

* Nil.