1. The use of bunk beds poses a significant risk of serious injury to young children.
2. A mandatory product safety standard addressing key hazards associated with bunk beds has applied to bunk bed manufacturers and suppliers since 2002.
3. However, bunk beds purchased prior to this time which do not meet the mandatory safety standard are still used in some private homes and short-term accommodation premises.
4. In November 2009, the ‘*Combined Bunk Bed Safety Regulatory Impact Statement and Public Benefit Test*’ was released for community consultation. The document considered regulatory and non-regulatory options for reducing the risk of childhood injury associated with the use of bunk beds in the short-term accommodation industry.
5. For a number of years, the Office of Fair Trading has been undertaking information and education initiatives to promote bunk bed safety and to warn parents, carers and accommodation providers about the risks of unsafe bunk beds.
6. The *Fair Trading (Safety Standards) Regulation 2011* has been prepared to require short-term accommodation providers to ensure that any bunk beds provided to persons under 16 years of age as part of their accommodation services comply with the mandatory bunk bed safety standard by 21 October 2013.
7. Cabinet approved that the *Fair Trading (Safety Standards) Regulation 2011* be forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Fair Trading (Safety Standards) Regulation 2011*](Attachments/Att%201%20Fair%20Trading%20%28Safety%20Standards%29%20Regulation%202011.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Att%202%20Fair%20Trading%20%28Safety%20Standards%29%20Regulation%202011%20Explanatory%20Note.pdf)