1. In December 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to national reforms to the regulation of vocational education and training (VET) including the establishment of a national VET regulator.
2. COAG developed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) which required signatories to refer legislative power to the Commonwealth to allow it to regulate VET. All states and territories, including Queensland, have signed the IGA and agreed to refer power except for Victoria and Western Australia.
3. On 1 July 2011, the national VET regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) commenced operations in New South Wales, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
4. This Bill will refer Queensland’s legislative power to regulate registered training organisations (RTOs) and VET courses to the Commonwealth. The current regulator in Queensland, the Training and Employment Recognition Council, will be abolished. Its RTO and course accreditation functions will be performed by ASQA and its remaining functions in relation to apprenticeships and traineeships will be performed by Skills Queensland.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/Att%201%20-%20Vocational%20Education%20and%20Training%20%28Commonwealth%20Powers%29%20and%20Other%20Acts%20Amendment%20Bill%202011.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Att%202%20-%20Vocational%20Education%20and%20Training%20%28Commonwealth%20Powers%29%20and%20Other%20Acts%20Amendment%20Bill%202011%20-explanatory%20note.PDF)