1. On 1 July 2013, the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry issued its landmark report making 121 recommendations to improve Queensland’s child protection system. The aim of the recommended reforms is to make it easier for families to get support so that wherever possible, children can remain safely at home.
2. In December 2013, the Queensland Government tabled a response to the Commission report, accepting 115 of the recommendations and accepting a further six in principle. A number of the recommendations require legislative reform to support implementation.
3. The Public Guardian Bill 2014 establishes the new Office of the Public Guardian incorporating current Adult Guardian and Child Guardian functions, and new child advocate functions.
4. The Family and Child Commission Bill 2014 establishes a new Family and Child Commission.
5. The Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2014:
* clarifies the leadership of the Childrens Court;
* removes the complaints function performed by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (CCYPCG) so that complaints are dealt with directly by relevant departments with oversight by the Ombudsman;
* streamlines and refines the scope of child death review processes;
* renames the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* as the *Working with Children (Employment Screening) Act 2000* to create a standalone Act for the blue card scheme to be administered bythe Public Safety Business Agency; and
* clarifies mandatory reporting requirements.
1. The CCYPCG will cease to exist and its functions will be transferred to be performed by other agencies. Accordingly, the Child Protection Reform Bills repeal the remaining provisions of the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000*.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction into the Legislative Assembly of the Public Guardian Bill 2014, the Family and Child Commission Bill 2014 and the Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2014.
3. *Attachments*
* [Public Guardian Bill 2014](Attachments/pg%20Bill.pdf)
* [Public Guardian Bill 2014 – Explanatory Notes](Attachments/pg%20ExNotes.pdf)
* [Family and Child Commission Bill 2014](Attachments/fcc%20Bill.pdf)
* [Family and Child Commission Bill 2014 – Explanatory Notes](Attachments/fcc%20ExNotes.pdf)
* [Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/cpr%20Bill.pdf)
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