1. The Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) amends various Health portfolio Acts to support the implementation of policy initiatives to protect and improve the health of Queenslanders, and to improve operation of the relevant Acts.
2. In particular, the Bill amends:
* the *Food Act 2006* to establish a statewide menu labelling scheme and to enable the chief executive of Queensland Health to authorise disclosure of information relating to a food business where necessary for public health reasons;
* the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* to enable the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services to temporarily appoint persons to the public panel of assessors;
* the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* to enable the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services to temporarily appoint persons to Hospital and Health Boards;
* the *Public Health Act 2005* to streamline the process for enabling registered midwives to access the Queensland Pap Smear Register;
* the *Pest Management Act 2001* to enable the chief executive of Queensland Health to delegate their powers under the Act, where permitted, to qualified employees of Hospital and Health Services; and
* the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979* to clarify that the definition of ‘blood products’ under section 42AB does not include cord blood.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)