1. CrimTrac is a national information management system which enables Australia’s law enforcement agencies to share information. In November 2015, all jurisdictions agreed that CrimTrac should be merged into the Australian Crime Commission (ACC). This will bring together Australia’s national criminal intelligence and information capabilities. The Australian Crime Commission (Queensland) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 contains amendments to various Queensland statutes to facilitate this planned merger.
2. In addition, the Bill contains a number of unrelated amendments of importance to policing and fire and emergency services in Queensland. These amendments will:
* ensure it is lawful for a police officer to arrest a person without warrant at the instruction of another police officer, where there are lawful grounds for the arrest;
* allow a firearms and explosives detection dog to carry out explosives detection operations at licensed premises, where an event is being held or in a public place;
* allow the judiciary to have the discretion to admit evidence of unrecorded admissions/confessions if satisfied, having regard to the circumstances of the case, that admission of the evidence would be in the interests of justice;
* define ‘public place’ in section 51 of the *Weapons Act 1990* to clarify the definition of ‘public place’ with respect to a knife being possessed in a vehicle without reasonable excuse;
* define ‘public place’ in section 57 of the *Weapons Act 1990* to clarify the definition of ‘public place’ with respect to particular conduct involving a weapon in a public place;
* provide police with the power to search a vehicle, without warrant, where it is reasonably suspected the vehicle may contain a knife that is not in the lawful possession of a person; and
* authorise Queensland Fire and Emergency Services to collect information from the Residential Tenancies Authority.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Australian Crime Commission (Queensland) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Australian Crime Commission (Queensland) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for the Bill](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)