1. The Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) was formally established by the *Public Safety Business Agency Act 2014* (PSBA Act) on 21 May 2014.
2. The PSBA Act authorises the PSBA to hold stated corporate and business support services for the Queensland Police Service (QPS), Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (IGEM). The PSBA chief executive officer (CEO) is responsible for the administration of the PSBA.
3. The PSBA Act also allows the PSBA to perform additional functions, including the operation and management of declared public safety entities. In its operational capacity, the PSBA currently administers the State Government Protective Security Service, Queensland Government Air Services and Blue Card Services.
4. In 2015, Government conducted a review of the PSBA. The review process was overseen by a cross-agency steering committee and culminated in the ‘Review of the Public Safety Business Agency’ report which was tabled in Parliament on 17 February 2016. The Government endorsed all recommendations of the review, except for recommendation 6 which related to the Police Air Wing.
5. The Public Safety Business Agency and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (the Bill) amends various public safety portfolio legislation in order to implement the review recommendations that have been endorsed by Government.
6. The Bill:
* modifies the organisational structure of the PSBA by establishing a PSBA Board of Management which will consist of the QPS Commissioner, the QFES Commissioner and an external, independent member who will be appointed by the Minister;
* authorises the PSBA Board of Management to be the PSBA’s governing body;
* modifies the responsibilities of, and rename, the PSBA CEO to be the PSBA Chief Operating Officer to reflect the new PSBA organisational structure;
* modifies the functions and purposes of the PSBA so that certain resources and functions can be returned to the QPS and QFES whilst the PSBA retains responsibility for some tactical human resources services and all ICT services, financial services, procurement services, asset management services and advisory services on corporate service strategies;
* allows the responsibility of administering the State Government Protective Security Service to be transferred to the QPS; and
* allows machinery of government changes to finalise the transfer of administrative responsibility for Blue Card Services from the PSBA to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Public Safety Business Agency and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Public Safety Business Agency and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)