1. In November 2009, the Government released the *Response to Integrity and Accountability in Queensland* (the Integrity Response). The Integrity Response detailed a range of administrative and legislative reforms to be implemented by mid-2010.
2. The first stage of legislative integrity reform was implemented from 1 January 2010 with the commencement of the *Integrity Act 2009*. This Act expanded the role of the Integrity Commissioner to include responsibility for oversight of new legislative regulation over the lobbying industry, banned the payment of success fees to lobbyists, and expanded the jurisdiction of the Crime and Misconduct Commission to cover government owned corporations.
3. The Integrity Reform Bills 2010, consisting of the Ministerial and Other Office Holder Staff Bill 2010, the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2010 and the Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2010 implement the second stage of legislative reform outlined in the Government’s *Response to Integrity and Accountability in Queensland* and will:
* introduce a legislative framework for the employment of Ministerial and Opposition office staff;
* reform the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1994* having regard to recommendations of the Whistling While They Work project;
* create statutory obligations for Members of Parliament and statutory office holders to declare their interests;
* amend the *Civil Liability Act 2003* to allow for apologies without admission of legal liability;
* allow for the introduction of a single code of conduct for the public service through amendments to the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*; and
* amend the *Public Service Act 2008* to reflect the expanded ethical standards functions of the Public Service Commission and implement operational amendments arising from the review of the Act.
1. Cabinet approved the Integrity Reform Bills 2010, consisting of the Ministerial and Other Holder Staff Bill 2010, the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2010 and the Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2010, be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Ministerial and Other Office Holder Staff Bill 2010](Attachments/Ministerial%20Bill.pdf)
* [Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2010](Attachments/PublicInDisc%20Bill.pdf)
* [Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2010](Attachments/Integrity%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes – Ministerial and Other Office Holder Staff Bill 2010](Attachments/Ministerial%20ExNotes.pdf) [Addendum to Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Ministerial%20ExNotes%20extra.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes – Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2010](Attachments/PublicInDisc%20ExNotes.pdf)
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