1. As part of its election commitments, the Government pledged to revitalise frontline services and restore public sector accountability, including streamlining of functions, containing the escalating costs associated with public sector administration and reducing the public sector’s management overburden.
2. The Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 will improve the operation of existing legislation and facilitate the Government’s reform agenda through greater alignment and efficiencies in discharging its public sector integrity functions.
3. The Bill amends:
* the *Public Service Act 2008* (PSA) to complete the transfer of the Public Service Commission (PSC) Chief Executive’s public service appeals function to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC);
* the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994* (PSEA) to require public sector employees to receive ethics training as part of induction programs and at regular intervals; and
* the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* (PIDA) to transfer the public interest disclosure oversight agency function from the Public Service Commission to the Queensland Ombudsman.
1. The Bill also amends the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* to transfer the administrative functions from the president to the vice president of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC), and to expand the ability for parties to access legal representation in matters before the QIRC.
2. Cabinet approved that the Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Public%20Service%20and%20Other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Public%20Service%20and%20Other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Explanatory%20Notes.pdf) and [Erratum](Attachments/Public%20Service%20and%20Other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Explanatory%20Notes%20Erratum.pdf)