1. The *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005* and the *Public Safety Preservation Act 1986* provide powers for the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to deal with terrorist incidents occurring in, or affecting Queensland. Since September 2014, nationally, there has been a significant escalation of terrorist related activity with three terrorist acts having been committed and a further six imminent planned attacks disrupted.
2. The Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 would enhance the QPS’s ability to rapidly and effectively respond to terrorist incidents and mitigate or minimise the harm that a terrorist incident may cause. The Bill would achieve the following:
* enabling police, during a declared emergency, to require information necessary to manage or resolve it and creating offences for contravening such requirement, giving false or misleading information and disclosure offences;
* clarification that the declaration of an area surrounding a moving activity for a terrorist emergency includes a stated area around a particular person;
* enabling a terrorist emergency to be extended beyond 14 days and up to 28 days by the Premier and Minister and, thereafter, by regulation;
* enabling the appointment of a Terrorist Emergency Reception Centre commander and the declaration of the Terrorist Incident Reception Centre, the route or method of transportation and a place where persons self-evacuate to, as separate ‘declared evacuation areas’ for a terrorist emergency;
* extending the power to stop and search a vehicle etc. that is about to enter or is reasonably suspected of having recently left, a ‘declared area’ for a terrorist emergency;
* removing the requirement for consultation with a government agency prior to giving directions to officers of the agency in urgent circumstances or for the safety of any person;
* enabling a Preventative Detention Order (PDO) to be made for a person whose name is unknown; and
* extension of the police power to apply by phone or electronically etc. to include Prohibited Contact Orders and removing the requirement for preparation of a written application prior to making an urgent application for an initial order for a PDO.
1. Other legislative amendments will support public safety including those which; enable Commonwealth intelligence agencies to apply to the Queensland Supreme Court for approval to create a birth certificate for an assumed identity. The Bill also amends the *Corrective Services Act 2006* to support efficiencies in the operational practices relating to the delivery of health services to prisoners, the management of corrective services facilities (including prisoners) and the supervision of offenders in the community.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)