1. On 19 May 2015, the Queensland Member for Caloundra, Mark McArdle, introduced the Health Legislation (Waiting List Integrity) Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill), proposing amendments to the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* and the Hospital and *Health Boards Act 2011*, to provide for the auditing and reporting of data relating to waiting times for patients of Hospital and Health Services.
2. The Health and Ambulance Services Committee tabled its report on the Bill to Parliament on 14 September 2015.
3. The Bill has the potential to increase costs and reduce efficiency as a result of duplication, without necessarily improving the quality, integrity or transparency of data, and poses an additional burden on resources of Hospital and Health Services, the Department of Health and the Office of the Health Ombudsman.
4. Queensland Health is transparent in its activities and is a national leader in health performance reporting. Publishing timely, accurate and relevant information of the activity and performance of local hospitals, provides a complete and open picture to the community to which the Government is accountable. This transparency also drives improvement within Hospital and Health Services.
5. There already exists a clear avenue for independent audit of the Department’s and Hospital and Health Services’ activities relating to waiting times reporting by the Queensland Audit Office, which maintains this regulatory function. The Queensland Audit Office provides the Parliament with an independent auditing function through reporting on the efficiency and effectiveness of any aspect of public sector finances an administration.
6. Cabinet approved that the Government oppose the Health Legislation (Waiting List Integrity) Amendment Bill 2015.
7. *Attachments*
	* [Health Legislation (Waiting List Integrity) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
	* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
	* [Report No. 4 of Health and Ambulance Services Committee: Health Legislation (Waiting List Integrity) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Report.PDF)