1. On 2 December 2015, the Queensland Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Finance and Administration Committee inquire into and report on the practices of the labour hire industry in Queensland (the Inquiry).
2. On 30 June 2016, the Committee tabled its report (No. 25) in relation to the Inquiry. The Government accepted the recommendation of the Report and noted the Report contained disturbing evidence of exploitation and mistreatment of labour hire workers that is unlikely to be satisfactorily addressed by adopting the Report’s sole recommendation. The Government undertook to give further consideration to measures to improve the protection of vulnerable workers and ensure improved and effective regulation of the labour hire industry.
3. On 1 May 2017, the Premier and Minister for the Arts announced that the Queensland Government would introduce a mandatory labour hire licensing scheme in a bid to crack down on rogue operators who are exploiting and mistreating vulnerable workers.
4. Cabinet approved the Labour Hire Licensing Bill 2017 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Labour Hire Licensing Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)