1. On 6 August 2009, the Government released the discussion paper, *Integrity and Accountability in Queensland* (the Discussion Paper) to prompt public discussion on topical integrity and accountability issues. An independent round table of experts was appointed to consider public submissions and provide advice to government on proposals for reform.
2. The recommendations of the round table have been considered in formulating the Government’s integrity and accountability reforms which consist of both legislative and administrative improvements to Queensland’s current integrity system.
3. The Integrity Bill 2009will effect the first stage of legislative reform by enhancing the independence and functions of the Integrity Commissioner, legislating for a Register of Lobbyists, banning the payment of success fees and extending the jurisdiction of the Crime and Misconduct Commission to include government owned corporations.
4. In 2010, the Government will implement administrative and legislative reforms over a number of areas including the Register of Members’ Interests, public sector ethics and procurement policies.
5. The Government has released an Integrity Policy which outlines the longer-term program of integrity reform to be implemented by the end of 2010.
6. Cabinet approved the Integrity Policy which outlines the Government’s program of legislative and administrative integrity and accountability reform to be implemented during 2010.
7. Cabinet authorised introduction of the Integrity Bill 2009, which enhances the functions and independence of the Integrity Commissioner, creates a statutory basis for the Register of Lobbyists (to be administered by the Integrity Commissioner), bans the payment of success fees to lobbyists and expands the jurisdiction of the Crime and Misconduct Commission to include government owned corporations
8. Cabinet noted the report on the Public Benefit Test on the ban on the payment of success fees to lobbyists.
9. *Attachments*
* [Policy: Response to Integrity and Accountability in Queensland](Attachments/response-to-integrity-accountability.pdf)
* [Integrity Bill 2009](Attachments/IntegrityB09.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes to the Integrity Bill 2009](Attachments/IntegrityB09Exp.pdf)
* [Public Benefit Test Report on Success Fees](Attachments/pubilc_test_benefit-report.pdf)