1. In August 2009, the Government released the *Integrity and Accountability in Queensland* discussion paper to promote public discussion on improving Queensland’s integrity and accountability framework. The consultation on the paper highlighted the importance of the Legislative Assembly possessing and maintaining a high standard of scrutiny over the legislative process.
2. In response to this feedback, a bipartisan Parliamentary Committee System Review Committee (the Committee) was established to review the role of Queensland’s parliamentary committees in contrast to committee systems in other Australian and international jurisdictions.
3. In December 2010, the Committee tabled its report on the inquiry titled *Review of the Queensland Parliamentary Committee System* (the Report).
4. The Government responded to the Report in March 2011, and in the response supported the establishment of a Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA) to amongst other things oversee the parliament’s budget, facilities management for parliamentary committees, maintenance for the parliamentary buildings, and policies for the management of the Parliament.
5. The Government also referred the task of reviewing the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988* to the CLA and the Parliamentary Service and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011 gives legislative effect to the Government’s consultation with the CLA about these matters.
6. The Public Accounts and Public Works Committee (PAPWC) has tabled two reports regarding the *Report of the 2010 Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office*. PAPWC Report No. 5, *Inquiry into an Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Performance Management Systems (PMS) audit mandate’*, addressed issues regarding the Auditor-General’s performance management systems audit mandate. The Government response to Report No. 5 was tabled in the Parliament on 1 December 2010.
7. PAPWC Report No. 7, *Inquiry to formally review the 'Report of the 2010 Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office to consider the recommendations made and comment on other findings where appropriate* addresses the remaining recommendations of the 2010 Strategic Review. Pursuant to section 107 of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001, the Government response to Report No. 7 is required to be tabled by 9 June 2011.
8. The Parliamentary Service and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011 also gives legislative effect to the Government’s responses to PAPWC Reports No. 5 and 7 together with certain other matters raised by the Auditor-General with the Government.
9. Cabinet approved that the Parliamentary Service and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
10. Cabinet endorsed the Government response to Public Accounts and Public Works Committee Report No. 7.
11. Attachments
* [Parliamentary Service and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/ParlServOAAB11.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ParlServOAAB11Exp.pdf)
* [Public Accounts and Public Works Committee Report No. 7](Attachments/PAPWC%20report%20no%207.pdf)
* [Government response to Public Accounts and Public Works Committee Report No. 7](Attachments/Qld%20Govt%20Reponse%20to%20report.pdf)