1. Domestic violence is a serious and complex issue which has significant human and economic costs.
2. In 2009–10, the Queensland Police Service recorded 49,372 domestic and family violence occurrences, an increase of 11.5 percent on the previous year, and the courts received 22,754 applications for domestic violence orders, an increase of eight percent on the previous year.
3. The human cost of domestic violence is substantial with police identifying 17 of the 62 recorded homicides in 2009–10 to be related to domestic violence.
4. In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of domestic violence, the government released ‘For our sons and daughters: Queensland Government strategy to reduce domestic and family violence 2009–2014’ in 2009 and committed to a review of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989*.
5. Cabinet approved the public release of an exposure draft of the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2011.
6. *Attachments*
* [Domestic and Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2011 - Exposure Draft](Attachments/CONSULTATION%20DRAFT%20DFV%20Protection%20Bill%2020111.pdf)