1. In December 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to national reforms to the regulation of vocational education and training (VET) including the establishment of a national regulator. Participating State Parliaments are required to refer their legislative power to regulate VET to give the regulator effective national coverage.
2. On 1 July 2011, the national regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) commenced operations in New South Wales, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. ASQA commenced operations in Tasmania and South Australia in February and March 2012 respectively.
3. The Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2012 (the Bill) will refer Queensland’s legislative power to regulate VET to the Commonwealth. The Training and Employment Recognition Council will be abolished as its VET functions will be performed by ASQA and its functions in relation to apprenticeships and traineeships will be performed by Skills Queensland.
4. A previous version of this Bill, considered by the 53rd Parliament, lapsed when Parliament was dissolved for the 2012 general election. The lapsed Bill received unanimous support of the former Industry, Education, Training and Industrial Relations Committee.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the *Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2012* into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*

* [*Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2012*](attachments/VETE%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/VETE%20Ex%20Notes.pdf)