1. The Penalties and Sentences (Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council) Amendment Bill 2016 amends the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* by establishing the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council, an independent body which will enhance the community’s confidence in the criminal sentencing process.
2. The Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council provides the government, the judiciary and the community with a valuable resource that has a unique and dedicated focus on sentencing reform, a community education and engagement role, and distinctive sentencing statistical and analytical capabilities.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Penalties and Sentences (Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council) Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*

* [Penalties and Sentences (Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council) Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)