1. On 25 February 2016, the Committee of the Legislative Assembly tabled its report on the Review of the Parliamentary Committee System.
2. On 19 April 2016, the Premier and Minister for the Arts tabled the Government response to the Report, accepting all recommendations and stating that the Government would introduce legislation into the Parliament to amend the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* (the Constitution). However, the response also stated that to implement the “absolute majority” recommendation, the Government will seek appropriate advice to ensure the constitutional validity of any necessary amendment.
3. On 21 April 2016, the Premier and Minister for the Arts introduced the Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly to give effect to the Government‘s response. In her explanatory speech, the Premier and Minister for the Arts again noted the Government would further consider the recommendation that all future amendments to the Constitution should be passed by an “absolute majority” of the Legislative Assembly. The Premier and Minister for the Arts further stated that the Committee of the Legislative Assembly would be advised once the Government has come to a decision on the matter.
4. On 16 June 2016, the Premier and Minister for the Arts wrote to the Chairperson of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly attaching a proposed amendment to the Bill. The amendment proposed to insert a new section 4A into the Constitution to provide that a Bill which amends the Constitution with respect to the constitution, powers or procedures of the Parliament must not be presented to the Governor for assent unless the Bill has been passed by an absolute majority of the Legislative Assembly.
5. On 15 August 2016, the Committee of the Legislative Assembly tabled its Report No. 18 on the Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. The Report recommended that the Bill be passed and the amendment to the Bill be accepted by the House.
6. Cabinet approved the Government Response to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly Report No. 18: Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.
7. Cabinet approved that an amendment to the Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 be introduced during the consideration in detail of the Bill.
8. *Attachments*
* [Committee of the Legislative Assembly Report No. 18: Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Report.pdf)
* [Government Response to Committee of the Legislative Assembly Report No. 18](Attachments/Response.pdf)
* [Amendment during consideration in detail of the Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/BillACID.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes for amendment during consideration in detail](Attachments/ExNotesACID.pdf)