1. In June 2009 the Ministerial Council for Police and Emergency Management – Police (MCPEMP) endorsed a set of recommendations to establish national consistency in the approach to management of reportable offenders in Australian police jurisdictions.
2. In observation of the MCPEMP recommendations, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) also conducted a review of the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004* and recommended amendments which complement the MCPEMP recommendations and enhance the ability of police to monitor reportable offenders in Queensland.
3. These recommendations collectively underlie the amendments made through the Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (the Bill).
4. The Bill amends the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004* to:
	* reduce the time limit for initial reports;
	* expand the personal details required to be reported;
	* reduce the time for reporting the names and ages of any children who ‘generally reside’ with a reportable offender, or with whom they have regular ‘unsupervised contact’;
	* require reportable offenders to obtain the police commissioner’s approval before changing their name;
	* require reportable offenders to present their passport and travel documents for inspection after returning from travel outside Australia;
	* implement safeguards for persons with special needs when reporting;
	* allow a DNA sample to be taken from a reportable offender, if no record exists;
	* increase the penalties for failing to comply with reporting obligations, or giving false or misleading information, also reclassifying these as crimes;
	* add further Class 1 and 2 offences listed respectively in Schedules 1 and 2;
	* allow offender reporting orders to be made for the Criminal Code offences of s 354 (child) kidnapping, s 363 ‘child-stealing’ and s 363A ‘abduction of a child under 16; and
	* insert a declaratory provision authorising information sharing with jurisdictions not previously recognised as having corresponding legislation for the purposes of information sharing under the CPOR Act.
5. The Bill also amends the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* and the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003* respectively to:
* allow a DNA sample to be taken from a reportable offender under Chapter 17 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*; and
* enable the Commissioner of Police to apply to the Registrar to have the register corrected when permission for a change of identity has not been given.
1. Cabinet endorsed the introduction of the Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)