1. A 2002 Office of Fair Trading review of the *Fair Trading Act 1989* and a 2007 review of the then Department of Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development by the former Service Delivery and Performance Commission identified that there were inconsistencies in the inspectorate provisions contained in the fair trading legislation. Inspectorate provisions are provisions which deal with the appointment, powers and responsibilities of inspectors and authorised officers, and offences relating to their exercise of power. The reviews recommended that these provisions be harmonised and consolidated.
2. The Fair Trading Inspectors Bill 2011 gives effect to the recommendations by establishing a stand-alone Act which provides consolidated, harmonised inspectorate provisions for the enforcement of fair trading legislation. The inspectorate provisions in the following Acts will be harmonised and provided for in the Bill:
* *Funeral Benefit Business Act 1982;*
* *Introduction Agents Act 2001;*
* *Land Sales Act 1984;*
* *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003;*
* *Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000* (and the proposed new Acts giving effect to the repeal and split of the Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act);
* *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002*;
* *Retirement Villages Act 1999*;
* *Second-hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2003*;
* *Security Providers Act 1993;*
* *Tourism Services Act 2003*; and
* *Travel Agents Act 1988*.
1. The Bill will therefore contain common inspectorate provisions for the enforcement of the Acts listed above. The Bill also repeals the inspectorate provisions contained in the above Acts and makes the necessary consequential amendments.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Fair Trading Inspectors Bill 2011 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Fair Trading Inspectors Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)