1. As part of its election commitments the Queensland Government undertook to introduce amendments within its first 100 days of forming Government to toughen the sentences for evade police, murder (including the murder of a police officer) and serious assaults committed upon police officers.
2. The Criminal Law Amendment Bill 2012 delivers on these pre-election commitments by:

* amending the Criminal Code and *Corrective Services Act 2006* to increase the non-parole period for murder from 15 to 20 years imprisonment (for a single murder) and from 20 to 30 years imprisonment for multiple murders;
* amending the Criminal Code to include, in the punishment regime for the offence of murder, a specific minimum standard non-parole period of 25 years where the victim was a police officer;
* amending the Criminal Code to increase the maximum penalty for certain offences of serious assault of a police officer (section 340(1)(b)) from seven years imprisonment to 14 years imprisonment;
* amending the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (section 754) to introduce a mandatory minimum penalty of $5,000 and two year licence disqualification for the offence of evade police.

1. The Bill also repeals part 12 of the *Penalties and Sentences Act* *1992* to abolish Queensland’s Sentencing Advisory Council.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*

* [Criminal Law Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Criminal%20Law%20Amendment%20Bill%202012.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Criminal%20Law%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Explanatory%20Notes.PDF)