1. The Government’s Six Month Action Plan includes amending the *Racing Act 2002* to establish a new racing industry structure.
2. The Bill implements the Government’s Six Month Action Plan by removing Racing Queensland Limited as the control body for the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound codes of racing and establishing the Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board (all-codes board) as well as three separate code-specific control boards for thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing. The all-codes board will be the overarching board responsible for racing and the control body for racing in Queensland.
3. The Bill transfers appropriate racing integrity functions to government by establishing the Racing Disciplinary Board to replace the existing appeals committees established by the racing control body. Additionally, a Racing Integrity Commissioner will be appointed with wide-ranging powers to provide independent oversight of integrity issues across the three codes of racing and conduct integrity-related audits and investigations.
4. The Bill will also amend the Racing Act to provide a more competitive environment for Queensland bookmakers by permitting bookmakers to use the internet to conduct their business, both at the racecourse and at other off-course premises approved by the Minister. An amendment to the *Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Act 1998* will ensure that internet bookmaking is not classified as an interactive game.
5. The Bill also amends the *Wagering Act 1998* to extend the funding (payment of 50% of the net tax collected under the Wagering Act) for the Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme (the Scheme) from 2014 to 2015. The Scheme provides funding for priority infrastructure upgrades at racing venues across the State.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Racing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Racing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Attachment%201%20-%20Racing%20and%20Other%20legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Attachment%202%20-%20Racing%20and%20Other%20legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Explanatory%20Notes.pdf)