1. The Vocational Education, Training and Employment (Skills Queensland) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013 will:
   * amend the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000* to abolish Skills Queensland and transfer its functions relating to apprentices and trainees, vocational placements, group training organisations, principal employer organisations, employment exemptions and non-departmental employment skills development programs to the Director-General of the Department of Education, Training and Employment; and
   * amend the *TAFE Queensland Act 2013*  to ensure TAFE Queensland has the capacity to employ staff on a temporary basis.
2. *Great skills. Real opportunities - The Queensland Government reform action plan for further education and training* (the Action Plan) outlines the Government’s commitment to establish an industry advisory body — the Ministerial Industry Commission. The Commission will be responsible for advising the Minister on the State’s skill priorities and critical training market issues affecting small, medium and larger enterprises and to inform Government purchasing. The Commission will also oversee the training market and advise the Minister on how best to ensure ongoing value for money investment in training by Government and industry.
3. To avoid significant duplication in relation to accountabilities and responsibilities, inefficient use of resources, and the risk of confusion in an already complex sector, Skills Queensland will not be retained in addition to the Commission.
4. On 1 July 2013, the *TAFE Queensland Act 2013* commenced, establishing TAFE Queensland, a statutory body, as the public provider of vocational education and training in Queensland. TAFE Queensland will take over the existing network of TAFE Institutes run by the Department of Education, Training and Employment by mid-2014. The *TAFE Queensland Act 2013* does not specifically provide for employment of temporary staff.
5. Cabinet approved that the Vocational Education, Training and Employment (Skills Queensland) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*

* [Vocational Education, Training and Employment (Skills Queensland) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)