1. The Education and Care Services Bill 2013 repeals the *Child Care Act 2002* and establishes a new regulatory framework for education and care services in Queensland currently regulated under the *Child Care Act 2002*.
2. On 1 January 2012 the *Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) Act 2011* commenced. This Act applied a nationally consistent regulatory framework for education and care services. Nearly all services in Queensland, approximately 2500, are regulated under the National Law these services include long day care, family day care, outside school hours care, pre-Prep and kindergarten services. There are approximately 67 services currently regulated under the *Child Care Act 2002* which include limited hours care services in receipt of Queensland government funding; early childhood education and care services that are also disability services under the *Disability Services Act 2006* occasional care services and budget based funded services not in receipt of the Australian government’s child care benefit.
3. During the development of the National Law, the Queensland Government consulted with stakeholders about how to regulate services not covered by the National Law. This consultation was conducted through a March 2011 Regulatory Assessment Statement. The majority of respondents supported a hybrid approach which adopted elements of both the National Law and *Child Care Act 2002* without increasing the regulatory burden on services or expanding the scope of regulation.
4. The Education and Care Services Bill 2013 takes elements from both the National Law and *Child Care Act 2002* and establishes a new regulatory framework for those services not regulated under the National Law. The Bill will reduce red tape for services through the move to a perpetual approval system based on the National Law rather than the 3 yearly licences issued under the *Child Care Act 2002*. The Bill includes detailed transitional provisions which will ensure that existing licensed services will be automatically given the relevant approvals under the Bill.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Education and Care Services Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Education and Care Services Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)