1. The Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2013:
* amends the *Public Service Act 2008* to include a civil immunity provision for state employees
* amends the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* to provide police and non-sworn members with civil immunity consistent with that proposed for other public servants.
1. The State currently provides indemnities and legal assistance to public servants, Ministers, Ministerial staff, judicial officers, members of government boards, statutory office holders, health practitioners and Queensland police through seven separate government guidelines.
2. A range of immunities also exist in Queensland that cover a wide range of officers, including Ministers, volunteers, members of disaster coordination groups and Government social workers. Most immunities protect officers from liability when performing their duties honestly and without negligence, and liability instead attaches to the State.
3. The proposed legislative amendments will provide certainty for State and Queensland Police Service employees, that they will not be held civilly liable for the performance of their role. The proposed legislation also provides for a right of action against a public servant if they fail to perform their role in good faith and without gross negligence.
4. The legislation will be supported by a consolidated Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline. Ministers and Assistant Ministers will continue to be covered by existing arrangements.
5. Cabinet approved that the Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2013 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline.
7. Cabinet approved a review of the operation of the immunity arrangements under the *Public Service Act 2008* and the Indemnity Guidelines, to occur two years after commencement.
8. Attachments
* [Public Service and Other Legislation (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Queensland Government Indemnity Guideline](Attachments/legal-protection-indemnity-guideline.pdf)