1. In January 2013, former Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty commenced the Police and Community Safety Review (PACSR). The PACSR examined the two departments within the portfolio of the Minister for Police and Community Safety - the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Department of Community Safety (DCS).
2. On 10 September 2013, the PACSR final report, titled *‘Sustaining the Unsustainable’,* was publically released. The report made 127 recommendations, 77 findings and 402 observations. Of the recommendations made, 87 recommendations directly applied to the QPS and the DCS.
3. Most significantly, the PACSR report recommended the merging of the corporate and business support functions of the DCS and the QPS into a new portfolio business agency, the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA), to be headed by a Chief Executive Officer reporting directly to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services. The PSBA will be responsible for all infrastructure, fleet and information and communication technology assets and will manage human resourcing, financial management, legal, policy, media and strategic planning functions for the QPS, the amalgamated Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and the newly established Office of the Inspector-General Emergency Management (IGEM). The creation of the PSBA will create efficiencies and interoperability opportunities and allow the Police and Fire Commissioners to focus on operational responsibilities.
4. Whilst machinery of Government changes established the PSBA on 1 November 2013, this Bill will enable the PSBA to be fully operational.
5. Due to the number and nature of recommendations made by the PACSR, a two stage implementation process will be undertaken. Stage One involves the implementation of the Public Safety Business Agency Bill 2014 which prioritises the legislative amendments required to achieve full operability of the PSBA.
6. Stage Two will be considered after the Bill is enacted and will implement any remaining recommendations of the PACSR; address unanticipated issues that arise through Stage One and effect amendments to progress the Government’s renewal and reform agenda (Commission of Audit).
7. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Public Safety Business Agency Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [Public Safety Business Agency Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)