1. On 9 November 2015, the Finance and Administration Committee tabled its report (No. 16) on the inquiry into the introduction of four year terms for the Queensland Parliament, including consideration of the Private Member’s Bills titled Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015 and Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Referendum Bill 2015. The Committee recommended that the Private Member’s Bills be passed, with amendments.
2. The Government Response to the Committee’s Report No. 16 supports the Private Member’s Bills, subject to amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bills.
3. The amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015 and the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Referendum Bill 2015 will give effect to the Government’s responses to the Committee’s recommendations that relate to the Bills.
4. The amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Referendum Bill 2015 will also amend the *Referendums Act 1997* (the Act) to bring the Act into line with the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (LGEA) and the *Electoral Act 1992* and extend the application of Part 7 of the Act to enhance the processes for the holding of a referendum in conjunction with local government elections and to enable a referendum to be conducted by full postal ballot in local government areas approved for a full postal ballot election under the LGEA.
5. Cabinet approved the Government Response to the Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 16.
6. Cabinet approved that amendments to the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015 be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill.
7. Cabinet approved that amendments to the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Referendum Bill 2015 be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill.
8. *Attachments*
* [Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 16](Attachments/FACRep16.pdf)
* [Government Response to Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 16](Attachments/GovtResponse.pdf)
* [Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/CFBill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes to Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/CFExNotes.pdf)
* [Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/CFBillACID.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes to the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/CFExNotesACID.pdf)
* [Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Referendum Bill 2015](Attachments/CRBill.pdf)
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