1. The Health Transparency Bill 2019 (Bill) has three main components:
	* establishes a legislative framework for obtaining information about public and private hospitals and residential aged care facilities (RACFs) for publication on a website;
	* amends the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* to introduce a minimum nurse and support worker skill mix ratio and minimum average daily resident care hours in public RACFs; and
	* amends the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* to implement recommendations of the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Committee to improve the operation and efficiency of the health complaints system.
2. The Bill is designed to improve transparency and care quality by increasing access to comprehensive and comparative hospital outcomes for health consumers in both the public and private sectors. The Bill provides a standalone legislative framework for sourcing and publishing a range of information from public and private health facilities, including private hospitals and licensed day surgeries, on a new interactive website.
3. The Bill also ensures elderly Queenslanders and their families have access to comparative information to make informed decisions about aged care providers. Revelations at the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and recent events surrounding the sudden closure of the privately-owned Earle Haven facility on the Gold Coast have illustrated the need to ensure more transparency in aged care facilities in Queensland.
4. The Bill will require public and private residential aged care facilities (RACFs) to report quarterly on the average number of hours of care provided by nurses and support workers to each resident per day.
5. The Bill amends the Hospital and Health Boards Act to introduce, as minimum standards of care in public RACFs, a minimum nurse and support worker skill mix ratio and a minimum average daily resident care requirement of 3.65 hours. The skill mix ratio is a minimum 50 per cent registered nurses and enrolled nurses, with at least 30 per cent registered nurses. The support worker workforce must be a maximum of 50 per cent.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Transparency Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Cabinet noted the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services would table the draft Health Transparency Regulation 2019 and draft Hospital and Health Boards (State Aged Care Facilities) Amendment Regulation 2019 in the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [Health Transparency Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF) and [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Draft Health Transparency Regulation 2019](Attachments/DraftHTReg.pdf) and [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/DraftHTExNotes.pdf)
* [Draft Hospital and Health Boards (State Aged Care Facilities) Amendment Regulation 2019](Attachments/DraftSACFReg.pdf) and [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/DraftSACFExNotes.pdf)