1. The Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 will amend legislation administered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to provide for the following matters:

* Publication scheme for non-compliance under the *Child Care Act 2002*

The Bill will amend the *Child Care Act 2002* (CCA) to provide parents and guardians with access to information about licensed child care services (with the exception of school age care) that demonstrate serious or repeated moderate non-compliance with the CCA. The Bill provides that the information will be published on a DET website that is publicly accessible. The information will also be added to the register of child care service licences that is kept by DET and that is available for inspection by the public.

* Provision of Queensland Senior School qualifications overseas

The Bill will amend the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* and the *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002*, to give eligible students at overseas schools the opportunity to receive Queensland senior school qualifications. Currently, this includes the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and a Statement of Results.

* Providing the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) with added functions with respect to kindergarten guidelines

On 2 July 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) released the *Early Years Learning Framework* (EYLF), which provides a broad guide for educators to support and enhance children’s learning from birth to five years, and support the transition to school. It is anticipated that the EYLF will be mandated through the National Quality Standards, when these are considered by COAG at the end of 2009.

Queensland is currently implementing a kindergarten program for all 3½ to 4½ year old children as part of the *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland* initiative. The Bill will amend the *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002* to enable the QSA to develop guidelines for implementation in kindergartens in Queensland, that align with the EYLF.

* Making a minor amendment to the *University of Queensland Act 1998*

The Bill amends the *University of Queensland Act 1998* to extend the expiry date for the *University of Queensland Statute No.5 (Awards) 1999* and the *University of Queensland Statute No.6 (Fees) 1999* to 1 September 2010 or until they are repealed, whichever date is earlier.

1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes for the Bill](Attachments/Exp.pdf)