1. he State Election of March 2012 and subsequent South Brisbane by-election have resulted in a Legislative Assembly consisting of 78 government members and 11 non-government members.
2. Following the election, the Premier received advice from the Clerk of the Parliament (the Clerk) that the practicality of the election result dictated that the number of members and the balance of numbers between government and non-government members on each of the Parliament’s portfolio committees should change so that they could logistically operate.
3. The Government accepted the Clerk’s advice in this regard.
4. The Parliament of Queensland and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill) provides formulae which will determine the size of the membership of the portfolio committees, together with the composition between government and non-government members as the composition of the Legislative Assembly changes.
5. In 2011, the Parliament transferred from the position of the Speaker decision making regarding the management of the Parliamentary Service to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA). The position of Speaker was not included on the CLA when considering these matters.
6. The Bill provides that the position of Speaker will be included as a member of the CLA for all of its areas of responsibility, including management of the Parliamentary Service, and that the Speaker will be the chairperson of the CLA.
7. The Bill outlines the circumstances in which the Speaker can exercise a deliberative vote at CLA meetings, and that the Manager of Government Business is responsible for calling CLA meetings and setting the agenda for meetings.
8. The Bill retitles the positions ‘Leader of the House’ and ‘Parliamentary Secretary’ to ‘Manager of Government Business’ and ‘Assistant Minister’ respectively.
9. The Bill also makes provision for the Governor in Council to determine by notice published in the *Queensland Government Gazette*, the quantum of additional salary that is payable to the positions of Manager of Government Business, Chief Government Whip and Senior Government Whip above the annual base salary of a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly.
10. Cabinet approved that that Parliament of Queensland and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2012 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
11. *Attachments*
* [Parliament of Queensland and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2012](attachments/Attach%201%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Attach%202%20Ex%20Notes.pdf)