1. The Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 (the Bill) amends various Health portfolio Acts to support the policy initiatives of the Government, and to improve the effective operation of the relevant Acts.
2. Key policy initiatives being given effect by the Bill include:
* amendment of the *Public Health Act 2005* will establish the maternal death statistics collection to increase awareness of maternal death, analyse obstetric patterns and outcomes, facilitate research and help plan obstetric health services and strategies to prevent or minimise maternal mortality
* amendment of the *Health Legislation Amendment Act 2011* will stop the introduction of a statewide voluntary food business rating scheme under the *Food Act 2006*. The amendments give effect to the Government’s regulatory reform agenda by avoiding the imposition of a new regulatory burden on local government and align with other Government policies that promote localised decision making.
* Amendment of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* will enable land and buildings to be transferred between the Department of Health and Hospital and Health Services, and between Services, by way of a transfer notice made by the Minister and published in the Government Gazette.
1. The Bill also makes a number of minor amendments of an operational or machinery nature to the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979,* the *Queensland Institute of Medical Research Act 1945* and the *Queensland Mental Health Commission Act 2013*.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)