1. The government has committed to introducing more stringent monitoring of sex offenders and tougher conditions for offenders who make up the Queensland component of the National Child Offender System (NCOS) (formerly the Australian National Child Offender Register).
2. The Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 gives effect to that commitment by increasing the number of times sex offenders on the Queensland component of the NCOS will have to report to the Police Commissioner from once each year to every three months (periodic (quarterly) reporting). For the purposes of consistency and auditing, reportable offenders will be required to report in February, May, August and November of each year.
3. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) also plans to enhance compliance management under the CPORA via the introduction of new technology based reporting. Online reporting from a personal computer or mobile telephone to a secure QPS website will commence with the introduction of the new legislation. A trial of a kiosk reporting system (KRS) is also underway and will be rolled out across the State, if successful. KRS technology has been successfully used in the USA for over two decades.
4. In addition to the periodic quarterly reporting requirements, the Bill introduces additional periodic reporting, at the discretion of the Police Commissioner, as an additional layer of reporting for those offenders who represent a significant risk to the lives or sexual safety of children.
5. The Bill also gives effect to the requirements of the Regulatory Impact Statement System Guidelines which requires regulation to be reviewed within 10 years of the regulation’s commencement date. In this regard, the Bill makes a number of amendments to CPORA and to the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* that are designed to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the protective regime.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Child Protection (Offender Reporting) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)