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- In June 2011, the Parliament established portfolio based committees whose role includes the scrutiny or examination of Bills introduced into the Parliament.
- The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee has responsibilities in the portfolio areas of Attorney-General and Justice, Fair Trading, Police and Community Safety.
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## Media Release

### National regime for registering business names - call for public submissions

A parliamentary committee wants to hear your views on the Business Names (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2011 (the Bill).

The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee (the committee) will examine the policy to be enacted by the Bill and the application to the Bill of fundamental legislative principles.

Public submissions on the Bill close on **Friday 16 September 2011**.

The Bill proposes to transfer responsibility for the registration and regulation of business names in Queensland to the Commonwealth Government.

A business name is a simple and convenient way for a business to establish a profile and customer base in the marketplace, without the need for a corporate structure. A business name is an integral part of a small business' operation. A register of business names allows consumers to access information on the proprietor behind a business name.

The Bill would allow businesses to register their business names nationally and online from any jurisdiction, and facilitates an agreement by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission will administer the new scheme.

The parliamentary committee has called for submissions to allow individuals and organisations the opportunity to have their say on the proposed legislation, and to assist the committee in forming any recommendations to the Parliament.

The Bill and explanatory notes can be accessed at  
[http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bill/Pages/Bill\\_53\\_11.htm](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bill/Pages/Bill_53_11.htm)

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