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Media Release

First legislation referred to Queensland's new scrutiny committees

Following historic reforms to the Queensland Parliament's committee system made recently, the first legislation has been referred for scrutiny.

In June, the Parliament established portfolio based committees whose role includes the scrutiny or consideration of Bills introduced into the Parliament.

Four Bills have been referred to the Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee for examination and report.

The Bills divide the provisions currently contained in the *Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000* (PAMDA) into four separate pieces of legislation. PAMDA provides a system for the licensing and regulation of residential letting and real estate agents, pastoral houses, auctioneers, property developers, motor dealers and commercial agents.

In 2008, the former Service Delivery and Performance Commission conducted a review of PAMDA and recommended that it be replaced with industry specific Bills. The Bills referred to the committee give effect to this recommendation.

The industry specific Bills are the Property Agents Bill 2010, the Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Bill 2010 and the Commercial Agents Bill 2010. A fourth bill – the Agents Financial Administration Bill 2010 – regulates trust accounts and establishes a compensation claim fund.

The parliamentary committee charged with scrutinising this legislation has called for submissions so that individuals and organisations have an opportunity to have their say on the proposed legislation. Submissions will assist the committee in its examination of the Bills and help inform the recommendations it makes to the Parliament. The committee intends to hold public hearings at Parliament House on 3 and 24 August 2011.

Submissions close on Wednesday 20 July 2011.

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