




Speech by

Hon. Glen Elmes

MEMBER FOR NOOSA

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FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Hon. GW ELMES** (Noosa—LNP) (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier) (12.58 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Health and Community Services Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2012 [\[962\]](#).

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I am pleased to introduce a bill for an act to amend the Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008 to ensure that the Cape York Welfare Reform Trial and the operations of the Family Responsibilities Commission are extended by a further 12 months. The trial commenced in 2008 in the four communities of Aurukun, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman Gorge. The objectives of the trial are to: restore social norms and local authority; and change behaviours in response to chronic levels of welfare dependency, social dysfunction and economic exclusion in the four trial communities. An essential component of the trial is the Families Responsibilities Commission established under the act.