

Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2015

Explanatory Notes

FOR

Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP

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Objectives of the Amendments

The amendments will clarify what functions the Family Responsibilities Commissioner will be entitled to delegate to the chairperson of the Commission when it is constituted by three Local Commissioners. The amendment is in response to a Recommendation made by the Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee and contained in its report, Report No.9. That particular recommendation was that the Bill be amended to identify clearly which functions the Commissioner may delegate to the chairperson of the commission for a conference constituted under section 50A of the Act.

Achievement of the Objectives

The proposed amendment will clarify that the Commissioner's functions that can be delegated are the functions for endorsing the requirement for a person to be subject to income management.

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

There is no alternative ways of achieving the policy objectives of the proposed amendments.

Estimated Cost for Government Implementation

There is no estimated administrative cost to government of implementing the proposed amendment.

Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles

It is considered that the proposed amendment is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles (FLPs) set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992 (Qld)* and that proposed provision has sufficient regard for the rights and liberties of individuals and the institution of Parliament.

Consultation

Consultation regarding the proposed amendment was conducted with the Family Responsibilities Commissioner.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Clause 1

Clause 1 amends clause 3 (Amendment of s 24 (Delegation by commissioner)) of the Bill by omitting the proposed section 24(2B) and replacing it with a new section 24(2B) that clarifies that the Commissioner's functions that can be delegated under the proposed section 24(2A) are the Commissioner's functions for endorsing a requirement for a person to be subject to income management.