

Constitution and Parliamentary Committees (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- Clause 1 provides for the purpose of the Bill.
- Clause 2 is the commencement provision. All provisions other than proposed section 3 commence on Royal Assent. Section 3 commences on 20 December 1994.
- Clause 3 adds section 6E to the **Constitution Act 1975**. This provision provides that the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Administrator are not agencies for the purposes of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982**.
- Clause 4 removes the words "originate or" from section 63 of the **Constitution Act 1975** and provides that appropriation Acts which were enacted prior to the commencement of this section and actions or omissions taken on the authority of those Acts will not be subject to challenge in Courts or Tribunals on the ground that the Bill for the Act was originated before a message was provided by the Governor recommending that appropriation.
- Clause 5 introduces a new Part into the **Constitution Act 1975** which empowers the Governor in Council to issue Commissions of Inquiry or appoint Boards of Inquiry.
- Clause 6 amends section 51A of the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** to allow travelling allowances to be paid to committee members in respect of undertaking such duties as a member of a Committee as the Committee and the President or Speaker determines.
- Clause 7 provides that it is the intention of section 4 to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

