

Crimes (Unsworn Statements) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 States the purpose of the Bill.

Clause 2 Provides for the Bill to be operative from the date of Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Inserts a new subsection (2) into Section 7 of the *Crimes (Amendment) Act 1986* to provide that the limitation placed on the right of an accused to make an unsworn statement in a trial or hearing will apply in all trials or hearings taking place after the commencement of the Bill, irrespective of whether the offence was committed or alleged to have been committed before or after, or between dates before and after, the commencement of the *Crimes (Amendment) Act 1986*.

