

Office of the Regulator-General (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Act.
- Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act on Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 substitutes section 27AA(a) of the **Office of the Regulator-General Act** to clarify that the power of the Office to obtain information or a document extends to information or document other than that provided to the Office by a licence holder in accordance with the requirements of the licence.
- Clause 4 amends section 39A of the **Office of the Regulator-General Act** in two ways. In section 39A(1) of the Act the insertion of the words "in connection with" make clear that this section making disclosure of information an offence includes disclosure of information that is obtained as a result of the Act in operation. Section 39A(3)(a) is amended to make it clear that the disclosure of information is not an offence if the disclosure is made in respect of a duty under relevant legislation, that is legislation that confers on the Office functions in respect of a regulated industry.

