

Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill 2013

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013

Portfolio: Finance and Deregulation

Overview

1.129 The bill proposes repealing 84 old annual Appropriation Acts from 1999-2000 until 2009-2010 (inclusive) that are still on the statute book. The bill does not appropriate any money, but proposes to repeal whole Acts. The amounts appropriated by the old annual Appropriation Acts have been spent, exhausted, or lapsed, or to a minor extent, will be considered for re-appropriation through the Budget process.

1.130 The bill follows the *Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Act 2012*, which contributed to the government's ongoing efforts to reduce the stock of unnecessary and redundant legislation. The bill facilitates the repeal of numerous subsidiary laws, in this case connected to old annual Appropriation Acts.

Compatibility with human rights

1.131 The bill is accompanied by a self-contained statement of compatibility. The statement of compatibility notes that 'this Appropriation Bill performs an important function, by reducing the statute book' and that the bill does not engage or affect any human rights.

1.132 The committee considers that the bill does not appear to give rise to human rights concerns.