

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 1), (No. 3) and (No. 5)) Bill 2014

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 2), (No. 4) and (No. 6)) Bill 2014

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (Parliamentary Departments)) Bill 2014

Portfolio: Finance

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1.297 The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 is part of a package of four bills and seeks to amend 246 Acts including to repeal the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, replace references to this Act and the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and address recommendations to reduce confusion regarding the duties for public officials and parliamentary service employees in the *Public Service Act 1999* and *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*.

1.298 The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 1), (No. 3) and (No. 5)) Bill 2014 and the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 2), (No. 4) and (No. 6)) Bill 2014 seek to amend several Acts appropriating money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) for the ordinary annual services of the Government and related purposes to support the transition to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

1.299 The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (Parliamentary Departments)) Bill 2014 seeks to amend several Acts appropriating money out of the CRF for certain expenditure relating to the Parliamentary Departments and other related purposes to support the transition to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

1.300 The committee notes that the bills have subsequently passed both House and received Royal Assent on 30 June 2014.

1.301 Each of the bills is accompanied by a statement of compatibility which concludes that the bills are compatible with human rights.

1.302 The committee considers that the bills do not appear to give rise to human rights concerns.

1.303 However, the committee notes that the statements of compatibility do not fully meet the committee's expectations as they cannot be read as self-contained documents and do not include information about the purpose and effect of the proposed bills. The committee therefore draws to the attention of the Minister for Finance the committee's usual expectations in relation to the content of statements of compatibility, as outlined in the committee's *Practice Note 1* (see Appendix 3).