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Crimes Amendment Bill 2002

Date Introduced: 22 October 2002

House: House of Representatives

Portfolio: Justice and Customs

Commencement: Royal Assent

Note: The Act received Royal Assent on 23 October 2002, (ie one day after its introduction into the Parliament) and became Act No. 88 of 2002.

Purpose

To amend the *Crimes Act 1914* to ensure that information contained on a national, State or Territory DNA database is able to be accessed and disclosed for the purposes of either:

- identifying an unidentified person who died as a result of the bombing in Bali on 12 October 2002, or
- conducting a criminal investigation in relation to that incident.

The Bill also provides for information to be available in relation to other deaths of Australian citizens overseas, where a disallowable ministerial determination to that effect is made.¹

¹ Bills List, Senate Table Office as at 24 December 2002

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