

PUBLIC HEARING ON CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POWERS AND OFFENCES)

The Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is conducting a public hearing on the **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2011**. The Bill was referred for scrutiny after the Selection Committee, responsible for House programming, deemed that it warranted further scrutiny than allowed for in the Chamber.

The Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2011 contains a range of important amendments to key Commonwealth law enforcement legislation that will provide further tools to assist in the effective investigation and enforcement of Commonwealth laws. Some of the key provisions are:

- Implement recommendations from the *DNA Forensic Procedures: Further Independent Review of Part 1D of the Crimes Act 1914* Review to increase transparency and reduce complexity regarding the collection and use of DNA material.
- Amending the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 to improve how the ACC can share and disclose information and material in its possession to combat serious and organised crime.
- Amend Part 1B of the Crimes Act 1914 to ensure that all parole decisions are able to be made at the Attorney-General's discretion and that adequate parole, licence and supervision periods are applied to federal offenders as required.

Public hearing schedule

Time: 9 am - 12 pm Friday 10 February 2012

Venue: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House

Witnesses: Australian Crime Commission
Attorney-General's Department
Australian Federal Police
Civil Liberties Australia
The Rule of Law Institute

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