

# **Criminal Justice (Boards) Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

*Clause 1* sets out the purposes of the Act.

*Clause 2* provides for the Act to come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

*Clause 3* sets out the definitions of terms used in the Act.

### **PART 2—JUDICIAL STUDIES BOARD**

*Clause 4* establishes the Judicial Studies Board.

*Clause 5* sets out the functions of the Judicial Studies Board.

*Clause 6* sets out the power of the Board to request information.

*Clause 7* lists the composition of the membership of the Judicial Studies Board.

*Clause 8* sets out the terms and conditions for board members.

*Clause 9* provides for the appointment of a Director.

*Clause 10* provides for the appointment of staff to the Board.

*Clause 11* defines the procedure for meetings of the Board.

*Clause 12* confers validity for acts and decisions of the Board.

*Clause 13* sets out the requirement of the Board to keep proper accounts and records.

*Clause 14* provides for the preparation of an annual report each financial year and describes what it is to include.

*Clause 15* provides for an audit of all the financial statements of the Board.

*Clause 16* states that the financial year of the Board is to commence on 1 July.

### **PART 3—BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH**

*Clause 17* establishes a Bureau of Crime Research and Statistics.

*Clause 18* prescribes the functions of the Bureau.

*Clause 19* empowers the Bureau to request any body, governmental or non-governmental to supply it with any information needed by the Bureau to enable it to perform its functions.

*Clause 20* appoints the Director of the Bureau and describes the office of the Director.

*Clause 21* provides for the appointment of staff to the Bureau.

*Clause 22* provides for a committee to advise the Bureau on research priorities and sets out the composition of that committee.

*Clause 23* sets out the requirement of the Bureau to keep proper accounts and records.

*Clause 24* provides for the preparation of an annual report each financial year and describes what it is to include.

*Clause 25* provides for an audit of all the financial statements of the Bureau.

*Clause 26* states that the financial year of the Bureau starts on 1 July.