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REMAND CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 1997

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Explanatory Memorandum

Outline

The Remand Centres (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) 1997 (the Bill) amends the *Remand Centres Act 1976* (the Act) to enable fine defaulters to serve out their period of imprisonment in respect of fine default at a remand centre.

Financial implications

Nil

Details of clauses

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal clauses setting out the short title of the Act, providing for the commencement of its provisions and providing that references in the Act to "the Principal Act" are references to the *Remand Centres Act 1976*.

Commencement

Subclause 2(2) is to the effect that the substantive provisions the Bill will commence when the substantive provisions of the *Magistrates Court (Amendment) Act (No.2) 1997* commence.

Persons who may be detained

Clause 4 amends section 15 of the Principal Act which sets out the categories of persons who may be detained in a remand centre. It enables persons committed to imprisonment on default of payment of a fine, under the new scheme, to serve that period of imprisonment at a Remand Centre.