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**CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)
BILL (NO 2) 1991**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO 2) 1991

The Criminal Injuries Compensation (Amendment) Bill (No 2) 1991 amends the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1983* to clarify the references to the Registrar in the Act.

The *Magistrates and Coroner's Courts (Registrar) Act 1991* altered the titles of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Magistrates and Coroner's Courts to Registrar and Deputy Registrar and made consequential amendments to other Acts, including the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1983* (the Act).

As a consequence, the Act contains two definitions of "Registrar", one in reference to the Registrar of the Supreme Court who performs most of the substantive functions under the Act and the other to the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Magistrates Court. The references to the Registrar in the Act are, as a consequence, unclear.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation (Amendment) Bill (No 2) 1991 deletes the two definitions of "Registrar" from the definition section of the Act and inserts words into the appropriate sections of the Act which indicate where the Registrar of the Supreme Court is meant and where the Registrar of the Magistrates Court is meant.

The Bill also provides for the amendments to have effect retrospective to 25 September 1991, that being the date on which the operative provisions of the *Magistrates and Coroner's Courts (Registrar) Act 1991* came into effect. This retrospectivity ensures continuity of the meaning of the references to the Registrar in the Act.

The Bill has a purely technical effect. No rights are affected by the Bill.

The Bill does not have any financial implications.