

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988 NO 18 OF 1988

The Children's Services (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 will amend the Children's Services Ordinance 1986 ("the Principal Ordinance") to provide that, where a child is convicted of an offence in the Supreme Court, that Court can impose such sentence as would be available had an adult been convicted of the offence.

Details of the Ordinance are:

Section 1 deals with citation.

Section 2 deals with the commencement date. The Ordinance will commence on 26 April 1988

Section 3 repeals section 63 of the Principal Ordinance and replaces it with a new section 63. New section 63(1) provides that where a child is convicted of an offence in the Supreme Court, that Court may make an order such as that which could be made by the Children's Court or commit the child to an institution or deal with the child as if he or she were an adult.

New section 63(2) deals with persons sentenced to imprisonment pursuant to 63(1)(c). That sentence is subject to any law of the State where the child is detained, which deals with the detention of young persons.