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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**CRIMES (SENTENCING) AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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These amendments are circulated under Standing Order 182A on the basis that they are minor and technical in nature.

### **Outline of amendments**

These amendments, which affect the *Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005*, will give clarity to existing legislation and permit a reduced sentence to be imposed where an offender has facilitated the administration of justice by cooperating to ensure that the trial is focused as efficiently as possible.

The amendments to the *Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2005* made by the Bill will commence on a day fixed by the Minister in writing. The remaining provisions in the Bill will commence on the day after its notification day.

### **Notes on Clauses**

#### **Government Amendment 1**

This amendment provides that assistance by defence in the administration of justice is not separate and distinct from pre-trial disclosures made by defence.

#### **Government Amendment 2**

This amendment clarifies that assistance in the administration of justice can include a pre-trial disclosure made by the defence.