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DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The Drugs of Dependence (Amendment) Bill 1999 intends to repeal the issue of simple cannabis offence notices in relation to cultivation, possession and use of cannabis.

The Bill would provide for Section 171A of the Principal Act to expire 3 months after the commencement of this amending Act.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no associated costs arising from this Bill.

NOTES ON 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 *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.

INTERPRETATION

Clause 4 inserts a phasing out period for the issue of simple cannabis offence notices.