

Police Service Amendment (Testing for Gunshot Residue) Bill 2001

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Police Service Act 1990* to enable the testing of police officers for gunshot residue following the discharge, or suspected discharge, of a firearm by a police officer.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Police Service Act 1990* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

Schedule 1 inserts proposed section 211AB into the *Police Service Act 1990*. The proposed section provides that a person authorised by the Commissioner of Police may direct a police officer to submit to testing for gunshot residue if the police officer has, or may have, discharged a firearm or been present when another police officer has discharged a firearm. The proposed section also enables regulations to be made to provide for certain matters in relation to gunshot residue testing, including the conduct of the testing, offences relating to interference with the testing and the confidentiality of test results.