

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

(a) to amend the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the **principal Act**):

- (i) to clarify the timing for the recording of information in the disclosure logs of agencies and what can be included in such logs and to enable affected persons who are not access applicants to object to certain information about them being included in such logs, and
- (ii) to enable parts of agencies to be treated as separate agencies for the purposes of the principal Act, and
- (iii) to confirm that access to open access information is to be provided in a manner that has due regard to copyright issues, and
- (iv) to enable an agency to refuse to provide access to government information if the access applicant has already been provided with the information, and
- (v) to remove the current requirement to pay a fee for an internal review by an agency following a recommendation by the Information Commissioner, and
- (vi) to confirm that an agency may require proof of identity from an access applicant before providing access to government information if the access application involves certain personal factors about the applicant, and
- (vii) to provide that there is no conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure of a spent conviction to the person convicted, and
- (viii) to clarify when an agency is required to consider whether to waive legal professional privilege in connection with an access application, and
- (ix) to make certain other minor amendments, amendments in the nature of statute law revision and amendments that provide for savings and transitional matters,

(b) to amend the *Criminal Records Act 1991* to provide that it is not an offence for a public authority or other government agency that has a record of a spent conviction (or its authorised officers) to make information about the conviction available to the person who was convicted,

(c) to amend the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* to enable the regulations to make provision for a public sector agency to be treated as part of another public sector agency, or for a part of a public sector agency to be treated as a separate agency, for the purposes of that Act,

(d) to make amendments in the nature of statute law revision to the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* and the *Privacy Code of Practice (General) 2003*.