

**Law Enforcement and National
Security (Assumed Identities)
Amendment Bill 2002**

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 *Law Enforcement and National Security (Assumed Identities) Act 1998* to include the Australian Taxation Office as an agency that may be prescribed by the regulations made under that Act to be an authorised agency for the purposes of the Act. The effect of prescribing the Australian Taxation Office as an authorised agency would be to enable the Office to use the powers provided by the *Law Enforcement and National Security (Assumed Identities) Act 1998*. Specifically, the chief executive officer of the Australian Taxation Office would be authorised to grant approval for the acquisition and use of an assumed identity by an officer of that Office for the purposes of the officer's official duties.

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 amends the definition of **authorised agency** in section 3 of the *Law Enforcement and National Security (Assumed Identities) Act 1998* as described in the Overview above.