

**Public Finance and Audit Amendment
(Costing of Election Promises) 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 *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* so as to make it an offence for a Treasury official to disclose information or documents relating to Treasury costing of election promises, except to the party requesting the costing.

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 *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 contains the amendment outlined in the Overview above.