



New South Wales

# Parliamentary Evidence Amendment (Ministerial Accountability) Bill 2023

## 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 *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901* to provide that Ministers of the Crown may be summoned to attend and give evidence before a House of Parliament or a committee of Parliament.

## 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 to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1      **Amendment of Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901 No 43**

**Schedule 1[1]–[3]** amend the *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901* to give effect to the object of the Bill.

**Schedule 1[4]** makes a consequential amendment to ensure that a Minister of the Crown summoned to attend a House of Parliament or a committee of a Parliament is not entitled to be paid witness expenses.