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**PUBLIC FINANCE AND AUDIT (AUDITOR-GENERAL'S  
ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to remove a restriction on access to Cabinet documents imposed by an amendment to section 36 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983. (That amendment was made by the Ombudsman (Amendment) Act 1993.)

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**Clause 1** sets out the short title to the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on the date of assent.

**Clause 3** amends section 36 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 which deals with the right of the Auditor-General (and of a person appointed or authorised by the Auditor-General) to access records, documents and papers. The proposed amendment would repeal subsection (6) of that section which at present modifies that right by excepting a Cabinet document that is an exempt document under the Freedom of Information Act 1989.

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**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 in order to remove certain restrictions relating to access by the Auditor-General to Cabinet documents.

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*Public Finance and Audit (Auditor-General's Access) Amendment 1994*

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Finance and Audit (Auditor-General's Access) Amendment Act 1994.

**5 Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

**Amendment of Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No. 152**

3. The Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 is amended by omitting section 36 (6).

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