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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Human Rights
and the Attorney-General)

Victims of Crime Amendment Bill 2023

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

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| 1 | 1 | Name of Act |
| 2 | | This Act is the <i>Victims of Crime Amendment Act 2023</i> . |
| 3 | 2 | Commencement |
| 4 | | This Act commences on the day after its notification day. |
| 5 | <i>Note</i> | The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on |
| 6 | | the notification day (see Legislation Act , s 75 (1)). |
| 7 | 3 | Legislation amended |
| 8 | | This Act amends the Victims of Crime Act 1994 . |
| 9 | 4 | Police to update victims about status of investigations |
| 10 | | Section 16A (3) |
| 11 | | <i>after</i> |
| 12 | | prejudice the investigation |
| 13 | | <i>insert</i> |
| 14 | | , the matter generally |
| 15 | 5 | Section 16A (4), definition of <i>change in status of an</i> |
| 16 | | <i>investigation</i> |
| 17 | | <i>substitute</i> |
| 18 | | <i>change in status of an investigation</i> , for an offence, includes when |
| 19 | | police decide to— |
| 20 | | (a) charge a person with the offence; or |
| 21 | | (b) issue a warrant for the arrest of a person accused of committing |
| 22 | | the offence. |

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 29 August 2023.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2023.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.
