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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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**GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002  
GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Amendments to be moved by the Minister for Health**

#### **Amendment 1**

#### **Clause 8 – Offences against Act – application of Criminal Code etc**

Clause 8 of the Bill is to be amended due to the repeal of the Criminal Code 2001 and its replacement with the Criminal Code 2002. The 2002 Code commenced on 1 January 2003 and will apply to all offences against the Gene Technology Act (see the Code, section 7).

The amendment substitutes a replacement clause 8 in the Bill. This is to ensure the correct version of the Code is referred to, and to update the clause to the standard form of this provision that is currently used in new principal legislation.

The clause alerts readers to the fact that other legislation applies in relation to the Act. The notes to the clause specifically mention the Criminal Code and the Legislation Act.

#### **Amendments 2, 3 and 4**

#### **Clause 136(2), Clause 136A(3) and Clause 137(2) – Reporting Requirements**

Clauses 136(2), 136A(3) and 137(2) of the Bill are to be amended to change the period allowed for the presentation of reports to the Legislative Assembly from 15 sitting days to 6 sitting days. These amendments are necessary to maintain consistency with the standard period allowed for the presentation of instruments to the Legislative Assembly under ACT laws.