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**LEGISLATION (PENALTY UNITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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### **Outline**

The Legislation (Penalty Units) Amendment Bill 2013 (the Bill) amends the *Legislation Act 2001* to increase the value of penalty units that provide the basis for determining statutory fines.

The rates for penalty units have not been reviewed since 2009.

The Bill also introduces a clause requiring the Attorney-General to consider the appropriateness of penalty unit values at least every four years.

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### Detail

#### **Clause 1 — Name of Act**

This is a technical clause that names the short title of the Act.

#### **Clause 2— Commencement**

This clause fixes the date for commencement of the Act.

#### **Clause 3 – Legislation amended**

This clause provides that the legislation being amended is the *Legislation Act 2001*.

#### **Clause 4 – Penalty units – Section 133 (2)**

This clause increases the amounts defined for penalty units from \$110 to \$140 for individuals and from \$550 to \$700 for corporations.

This clause also inserts a requirement for the Attorney-General to consider the appropriateness of penalty unit values at least every four years. This provision does not preclude consideration and changes to penalty unit values more than once during a four year period.