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JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SET A – Relating to sheet J2020-1073 D02

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INTRODUCTION

This supplementary explanatory statement relates to the Government amendments to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill) as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared in order to assist the reader of the Government amendments and help inform debate on them. It does not form part of the Bill and has not been endorsed by the Legislative Assembly.

This statement must be read in conjunction with the Government amendments and the Bill. It is not, and is not intended to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill and the Government amendments. What is said about a provision is not to be taken as an authoritative guide to the meaning of a provision, this being a task for the courts.

OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Government amendments is to include in the Bill an amendment to the commencement clause of the *Employment and Workplace Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2020* (the EWSLA Act).

The amendments will allow for the commencement of sections 105 to 108 of the EWSLA Act by written notice of the Minister. These provisions are currently set to commence six months after notification. Amending the commencement will allow those provisions to commence earlier than six months.

There are no human rights implications arising from the Government amendments.

CLAUSE NOTES—GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1 Proposed new dot point

Clause 3

Page 4, line 8

This amendment amends the list of legislation amended in the Bill to include the *Employment and Workplace Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2020*.

Amendment 2 Proposed new part 12A

Page 29, line 9

This amendment inserts new part 12A into the Bill to amend the *Employment and Workplace Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2020* to change the commencement of sections 105 to 108 from six months after notification to commencement fixed by written notice of the Minister.