

QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

**LAW COURTS AND STATE BUILDINGS
PROTECTIVE SECURITY AMENDMENT
BILL 1993**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(Circulated by authority of the Deputy Premier,
Minister for Administrative Services and
Minister for Rural Communities)**

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Bill is to repeal the anti-strike provision currently contained in the *Law Courts and State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983*.

REASONS FOR THE BILL

Section 17 of the *Law Courts and State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983* currently provides that in certain circumstances disciplinary action may be taken against an officer of the State Government Protective Security Service if that officer engages or participates in a strike or other industrial action.

The provision was drafted in 1983 under different industrial relations practices than are customary at the present time. In view of current industrial relations policies and practices, it is considered that this provision should now be removed from the legislation. It is perceived that the removal of this provision will foster continuing harmony of relationships between Government, employees and employee organisations which will lead to efficiencies in the public service.

ESTIMATED COST FOR GOVERNMENT

There is no financial cost associated with the amendment.

CONSULTATION

There has been extensive consultation between representatives of the Administrative Services Department, the State Government Protective Security Service, the Department of Employment, Vocational Education, Training and Industrial Relations and the Queensland State Service Union.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the *Law Courts and State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983* to be amended as set out in this Bill.

Clause 3 omits the definitions “department” and “Minister” from section 4 of the Act. These definitions are omitted according to current legislative practice. The definition of the terms “department” and “Minister” are contained in the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

Clause 4 omits section 17 which contains the anti-strike provision in the Act.