

PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Statement of compatibility

Mr BRACKS (Premier) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act:

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Parliamentary Legislation Amendment Bill 2007.

In my opinion, the Parliamentary Legislation Amendment Bill 2007, as introduced in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of bill

The bill will amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 to: rename two joint investigatory parliamentary committees. It is important to introduce this legislation to ensure that the Parliament has an effective committee structure; and increase the maximum number of members of Parliament who may serve on joint investigatory parliamentary committees to 10 members.

The bill will amend the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968 to: entitle the leader of the third party in the Legislative Council to an additional salary prescribed by this act; and increase the additional salary payable to members of Parliament serving as chairpersons of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, and entitle the members of Parliament serving as deputy chairpersons of those committees to an additional salary.

Human rights issues

1. Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill

This bill does not raise any human rights issues.

2. Consideration of reasonable limitations -- section 7(2)

As the bill does not raise any human rights issues, it does not limit any human rights and, therefore, it is not necessary to consider section 7(2) of the charter.

Conclusion

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not raise any human rights issues.

HON. STEVE BRACKS, MP

Premier