

Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Bill 2019

Ms FYLES (Attorney-General and Justice):

The bill was referred to the Legislation Scrutiny Committee. I thank the committee for its consideration of the bill and the Chair, the Member for Karama, as well as the Members for Katherine, Spillett, Araluen and Brennan for their contributions.

The report was received on 2 December and I am pleased to say that the committee has recommended the bill be passed with some minor amendments. The committee recommended that proposed sections 130G(4)(d), 130P(3) and the heading of 130Q be amended by removing the word 'other'. I accept this recommendation and I have circulated that to honourable members of the House. In addition, one further amendment will be made to also amend proposed section 130P(2) in identical terms to that provided for in the recommendation. These amendments are relatively minor and do not impact on the policy intent or effect of the bill. It will improve the clarity of the bill without changing its operation.

The bill will commence upon *Gazette* notice. This will allow the Department of Attorney-General and Justice to advise stakeholders of the proposed commencement and to arrange changes to the Administrative Arrangement Orders. This bill is not expected to have a large impact upon existing legislative environment.

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, I acknowledge the hard-working staff of the Department of Attorney-General and Justice who are here today in the Chamber who have led the development of this bill and, of course, the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for their work on the bill. I commend the bill to honourable members.