

South Australia

# **Sentencing Bill 2016**

A BILL FOR

An Act to make provision in relation to the sentencing of offenders in the criminal justice system; to repeal the *Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988*; and for other purposes.

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**The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:**

**Part 1—Preliminary**

**Division 1—Preliminary**

**1—Short title**

- 5 This Act may be cited as the *Sentencing Act 2016*.

**2—Commencement**

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

**Division 2—Object of Act and sentencing considerations**

**3—Object of Act**

- 10 The object of this Act is to empower courts to impose sentences on offenders according to law and on behalf of the people of South Australia.

**4—Primary consideration**

The primary consideration of a court in sentencing a defendant for an offence must be the protection of the safety of the community (whether as individuals or in general).

## 5—Secondary considerations

- (1) The secondary considerations to which a court must have regard in sentencing a defendant for an offence are as follows:
- (a) to ensure that the defendant—
    - (i) is punished for the offending behaviour; and
    - (ii) is held accountable to the community for the offending behaviour;
  - (b) to publicly denounce the offending behaviour;
  - (c) to publicly recognise the harm done to the community and to any victim of the offending behaviour;
  - (d) to deter the defendant and others in the community from committing offences;
  - (e) to promote the rehabilitation of the defendant;
  - (f) to reduce crime.
- (2) Subject to section 4, nothing about the order in which the considerations appear in subsection (1) implies that any of those considerations is to be given greater weight than any other consideration.

## Division 3—Interpretation and application of Act

### 6—Interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

***bond*** means an agreement (not being a bail agreement) entered into pursuant to the sentence of a court under which the defendant undertakes to the Crown to comply with the conditions of the agreement (see Part 4 Division 1);

***CE*** means the chief executive of the administrative unit of the Public Service that is responsible for assisting a Minister in the administration of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;

***cognitive impairment*** includes—

- (a) a developmental disability (including, for example, an intellectual disability, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or an autistic spectrum disorder); and
- (b) an acquired disability as a result of illness or injury (including, for example, dementia, a traumatic brain injury or a neurological disorder); and
- (c) a mental illness;

***community based order*** means an order for community service under section 91;

***community corrections officer*** means an officer or employee of the administrative unit of the Public Service that is responsible for assisting a Minister in the administration of the *Correctional Services Act 1982* whose duties include the supervision of offenders in the community;

***conditional release*** means conditional release from a training centre;

*consumption* of a drug includes—

- (a) injection of the drug (either by the person to whom the drug is administered or someone else); and
- (b) inhalation of the drug; and
- (c) any other means of introducing the drug into the body;

*court*—

- (a) means a court of criminal jurisdiction; and
- (b) in relation to the exercise of powers under this Act with respect to the variation, revocation or enforcement of an order of a court or other related matters, means the court that made the order or a court of coordinate jurisdiction;

*DPP* means the Director of Public Prosecutions;

*drug* means alcohol or any other substance that is capable (either alone or in combination with other substances) of influencing mental functioning;

*home detention officer* means a home detention officer appointed by the Minister for Correctional Services under Part 4 Division 6A of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;

*home detention condition*—see section 61;

*home detention order*—see section 60;

*injury*, in relation to an offence, includes pregnancy, mental injury, shock, fear, grief, distress or embarrassment resulting from the offence;

*intensive correction condition*—see section 69;

*intensive correction order*—see section 68;

*intervention program* means a program that provides—

- (a) supervised treatment; or
- (b) supervised rehabilitation; or
- (c) supervised behaviour management; or
- (d) supervised access to support services; or
- (e) a combination of any 1 or more of the above,

designed to address behavioural problems (including problem gambling), substance abuse or cognitive impairment;

*intervention program manager* means a person employed by the South Australian Courts Administration Authority to have general oversight of intervention programs and coordinate the implementation of relevant court orders (and includes a delegate of such a person);

*Minister for Correctional Services* means the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;

*Minister for Youth Justice* means the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Youth Justice Administration Act 2016*;

**Parole Board** means the Parole Board of South Australia established under the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;

**pecuniary sum** means—

- (a) a fine; or
- (b) compensation; or
- (c) costs; or
- (d) a sum payable under a bond or to a guarantee ancillary to a bond; or
- (e) any other amount payable under an order or direction of a court,

and includes a VIC levy;

**primary consideration**—the primary consideration of a court in sentencing a defendant for an offence is set out in section 4;

**prisoner**—a reference to a **prisoner** includes a reference to a person serving a sentence of imprisonment—

- (a) on home detention subject to a home detention order; or
- (b) in the community subject to an intensive correction order;

**probationer** means a defendant who has entered into a bond under Part 4 Division 1;

**probative court** means—

- (a) in the case of a bond entered into pursuant to an order of an appellate court on an appeal against sentence—the court that imposed that sentence; or
- (b) in any other case—the court that made the order pursuant to which the defendant entered into the bond;

**recreational use** of a drug—consumption of a drug is to be regarded as recreational use of the drug unless—

- (a) the drug is administered against the will, or without the knowledge, of the person who consumes it; or
- (b) the consumption occurs accidentally; or
- (c) the person who consumes the drug does so under duress, or as a result of fraud or reasonable mistake; or
- (d) the consumption is therapeutic;

**residence** includes, if the defendant is an Aboriginal person, any place specified by the court as the person's residence;

**secondary consideration**—the secondary considerations to which a court must have regard in sentencing a defendant for an offence are set out in section 5;

**self-induced**—see subsections (2) and (3);

**sentence** means—

- (a) the imposition of a penalty; or
- (b) the decision of a court to offer a defendant an opportunity to enter into a bond; or

- (c) the fixing, extending or negating of a non-parole period; or
- (d) the making of any other order or direction affecting penalty, including the decision of a court to discharge a defendant—
- (i) without imposing a penalty; or
  - (ii) without recording a conviction;

**sentence of indeterminate duration** means detention in custody until further order (and see Part 3 Division 5);

**therapeutic**—the consumption of a drug is to be regarded as therapeutic if—

- (a) the drug is prescribed by, and consumed in accordance with the directions of, a medical practitioner; or
- (b) the drug—
  - (i) is a drug of a kind available, without prescription, from registered pharmacists; and
  - (ii) is consumed for a purpose recommended by the manufacturer and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;

**VIC levy** means a levy imposed under the *Victims of Crime Act 2001* or a corresponding previous law;

**working day** means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

**youth** has the same meaning as in the *Young Offenders Act 1993*;

**Youth Court** means the *Youth Court of South Australia*.

- (2) Intoxication resulting from the recreational use of a drug is to be regarded as self-induced.
- (3) If a person becomes intoxicated as a result of the combined effect of the therapeutic consumption of a drug and the recreational use of the same or another drug, the intoxication is to be regarded as self-induced even though in part attributable to therapeutic consumption.
- (4) For the purposes of this Act—
  - (a) a VIC levy imposed on a person will be taken to have been imposed by order of the court that found the person guilty of the offence that gave rise to the levy; and
  - (b) a person who pleads guilty to a charge of an offence will be taken to have been found guilty of the offence unless—
    - (i) the plea is subsequently withdrawn; or
    - (ii) the person is adjudged incompetent to have made the plea.

## 7—Application of Act to youths

- (1) Subject to a provision of this Act to the contrary, this Act applies in relation to the sentencing of a youth and the enforcement of a sentence against a youth.
- (2) However, in the event of conflict between a provision of this Act and a provision of the *Young Offenders Act 1993* or the *Youth Court Act 1993*, the latter provision prevails to the extent of that conflict.

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- (3) In applying a provision of this Act to a youth who is being or has been dealt with as a youth (and not as an adult)—
- (a) a reference to imprisonment is to be read as a reference to detention; and
  - (b) a reference to a warrant of commitment is to be read as an order for detention; and
  - (c) a reference to a prison is to be read as a reference to a training centre; and
  - (d) a reference to the CE is to be read as a reference to the chief executive of the administrative unit of the Public Service that is responsible for assisting a Minister in the administration of the *Youth Justice Administration Act 2016*; and
  - (e) a reference to a community corrections officer is to be read as a reference to a community youth justice officer under the *Youth Justice Administration Act 2016*; and
  - (f) a reference to a bond, or to entering into a bond, is to be read as a reference to an order under section 26 of the *Young Offenders Act 1993*, or to becoming subject to such an order; and
  - (g) a reference to a probationer is to be read as a reference to a youth the subject of such an order; and
  - (h) a reference to the Minister for Correctional Services is to be read as a reference to the Minister for Youth Justice.

**8—Powers conferred by this Act are additional**

Subject to this Act, the powers conferred on a court by this Act are in addition to, and do not derogate from, the powers conferred by another Act or law to impose a penalty on, or make an order or give a direction in relation to, a person found guilty of an offence.

**9—Court may not impose bond except under this Act**

Despite any other Act or law to the contrary, a defendant may not enter into a bond except under this Act.

**Part 2—Principles of sentencing, sentencing factors, sentencing guidelines and general provisions****Division 1—Sentencing considerations, principles of sentencing and sentencing factors****10—Primary and secondary considerations apply**

For the avoidance of doubt, the primary consideration and secondary considerations apply to a court in sentencing a defendant for an offence.

**11—Principles of sentencing**

- (1) Subject to this Act or any other Act, in determining a sentence for an offence, a court must apply (although not to the exclusion of any other relevant principle) the common law concepts reflected in the following principles:
- 5           (a) proportionality;
- (b) parity;
- (c) totality;
- (d) the rule that a defendant may not be sentenced on the basis of having committed an offence in respect of which the defendant was not convicted.
- 10       (2) Subject to this Act or any other Act, a court must not impose a sentence of imprisonment on a defendant unless the court decides that—
- (a) the seriousness of the offence is such that the only penalty that can be justified is imprisonment; or
- (b) it is required for the purpose of protecting the community.
- 15       (3) A court must, on sentencing a defendant who is present in court (whether in person or by video or audio link) for an offence or offences, state the sentence that it is imposing for the offence or offences and its reasons for imposing that sentence, including (for example) any reason why a sentence that would otherwise have been imposed for the offence or offences has been reduced.
- 20       (4) The validity of a sentence is not affected by non-compliance or insufficient compliance with subsection (3).

**12—Sentencing factors**

- (1) In determining a sentence for an offence, a court must take into account such of the factors as are known to the court that relate to the following matters as may be relevant:
- 25           (a) the nature, circumstances and seriousness of the offence;
- (b) the personal circumstances and vulnerability of any victim of the offence whether because of the victim's age, occupation, relationship to the defendant, disability or otherwise;
- 30           (c) the extent of any injury, emotional harm, loss or damage resulting from the offence or any significant risk or danger created by the offence, including any risk to national security;
- (d) the defendant's character, general background and offending history;
- (e) the defendant's age, and physical and mental condition (including any cognitive impairment);
- 35           (f) the extent of the defendant's remorse for the offence, having regard in particular as to whether—
- (i) the defendant has provided evidence that the defendant has accepted responsibility for the defendant's actions; and

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(ii) the defendant has acknowledged any injury, loss or damage caused by the defendant's actions, or voluntarily made reparation for any such injury, loss or damage, or both;

(g) the defendant's prospects of rehabilitation.

5 (2) The matters referred to in subsection (1) are in addition to any other matter the court is required or permitted to take into account under this Act or any other Act or law.

(3) The court must not have regard to any of the factors in sentencing if it would be contrary to an Act or law to do so (and the fact that any such factor is relevant and known to the court does not require the court to increase or reduce the sentence for the offence).

10 (4) A court must determine the sentence for an offence without regard to—

(a) the fact that this Act or another Act prescribes a mandatory minimum non-parole period in respect of the offence; or

15 (b) any consequences that may arise under the *Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006*; or

(c) the good character or lack of previous convictions of the defendant if—

(i) the offence is a class 1 or class 2 offence within the meaning of the *Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006*; and

20 (ii) the court is satisfied that the defendant's alleged good character or lack of previous convictions was of assistance to the defendant in the commission of the offence.

(5) In assessing the nature, circumstances and seriousness of the offence, the court must only have regard to the matters personal to the defendant that the court is satisfied are causally connected with, or have materially contributed to, the commission of the offence, including (for example) the defendant's motivation in committing the offence and the degree to which the defendant participated in its commission.

(6) If a defendant has participated in an intervention program, a court may treat the defendant's participation in the program, and the defendant's achievements in the program, as relevant to sentence.

30 (7) However, the fact that a defendant—

(a) has not participated in, or has not had the opportunity to participate in, an intervention program; or

(b) has performed badly in, or has failed to make satisfactory progress in, such a program,

35 is not relevant to sentence.

**Division 2—Sentencing guidelines****13—Sentencing guidelines**

(1) The regulations may prescribe sentencing guidelines.

(2) A court—

- (a) must, in sentencing an offender for an offence, follow any sentencing guidelines that are relevant to the offender's case; and
- (b) must, in exercising any other function relating to the sentencing of offenders, follow any sentencing guidelines which are relevant to the exercise of the function,

unless the court is satisfied that it would be contrary to the interests of justice to do so.

### **Division 3—General sentencing provisions**

#### **Subdivision 1—Procedural provisions**

##### **14—Determination of sentence**

For the purpose of determining sentence, a court—

- (a) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and
- (b) may inform itself on matters relevant to the determination as it thinks fit; and
- (c) must act according to equity, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case without regard to technicalities and legal forms.

##### **15—Prosecutor to provide particulars of victim's injury etc**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the prosecutor must, for the purpose of assisting a court to determine sentence for an offence, provide the court with particulars (that are reasonably ascertainable and not already before the court in evidence or a pre-sentence report) of—
  - (a) injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence; and
  - (b) injury, loss or damage resulting from—
    - (i) any other offence that is to be taken into account specifically in the determination of sentence; or
    - (ii) a course of conduct consisting of a series of criminal acts of the same or a similar character of which the offence for which sentence is to be imposed forms part.
- (2) The prosecutor may refrain from providing the court with particulars of injury, loss or damage suffered by a person if the person has expressed a wish to that effect to the prosecutor.
- (3) If the offence is not an offence in relation to which a victim impact statement may be provided in accordance with section 16, the court must still allow particulars provided under this section to include a victim impact statement unless the court determines that it would not be appropriate in the circumstances of the case (and the other provisions of this Division relating to victim impact statements apply to such a statement as if it were provided under section 16).
- (4) The validity of a sentence is not affected by non-compliance or insufficient compliance with this section.

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**16—Victim impact statements**

5 (1) A person who has suffered injury, loss or damage resulting from an indictable offence or a prescribed summary offence committed by another may provide the sentencing court with a written personal statement (a *victim impact statement*) about the impact of that injury, loss or damage on the person and the person's family.

(2) Before determining sentence for the offence, the court—

(a) will, if the person so requested when providing the statement, allow the person an opportunity to read the statement out to the court; and

(b) in any other case, will cause the statement to be read out to the court.

10 (3) If the court considers there is good reason to do so, it may, in order to assist a person who wishes to read out a victim impact statement to the court—

(a) allow an audio visual record or audio record of the person reading the statement to be played to the court; or

(b) exercise any other powers that it has with regard to a vulnerable witness.

15 (4) Subject to subsection (5) (but despite any other provision of this Act), the court must, if the person so requested when providing the statement, ensure that—

(a) the defendant; or

(b) if the defendant is a body corporate, a director or some other representative of the body corporate satisfactory to the court,

20 is present when the statement is read out to the court.

25 (5) Subsection (4) does not apply if the court is satisfied that special reasons exist which make it inappropriate for the defendant or other person to be present, or that the presence of the defendant or other person may cause a disturbance or a threat to public order and safety (however, in such a case, the court must ensure that the defendant or other person is present by means of a video link or an audio link, if such facilities are reasonably available to the court, or that arrangements are otherwise made for an audio visual record of the statement to be made and played to the defendant or other person).

30 (6) The validity of a sentence is not affected by non-compliance or insufficient compliance with this section.

(7) In this section—

*prescribed summary offence* means—

(a) a summary offence that results in the death of a victim or a victim suffering total incapacity; or

35 (b) a summary offence (other than a summary offence of assault) that results in a victim suffering serious harm;

*serious harm* means—

(a) harm that endangers a person's life; or

(b) harm that consists of loss of, or serious and protracted impairment of, a part of the body or a physical or mental function; or

40 (c) harm that consists of serious disfigurement;

*total incapacity*—a victim suffers total incapacity if the victim is permanently physically or mentally incapable of independent function.

### 17—Community impact statements

- 5 (1) Any person may make a submission to the Commissioner for Victims' Rights for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner to compile information which may be included in a statement under this section.
- (2) In any proceedings to determine sentence for an offence, the prosecutor or the Commissioner for Victims' Rights may, if they think fit, provide the sentencing court with—
- 10 (a) a written statement about the effect of the offence, or of offences of the same kind, on people living or working in the location in which the offence was committed (a *neighbourhood impact statement*); or
- (b) a written statement about the effect of the offence, or of offences of the same kind, on the community generally or on any particular sections of the community (a *social impact statement*).
- 15 (3) Before determining sentence for the offence, the court will cause the statement to be read out to the court by the prosecutor, or such other person as the court thinks fit, unless the court determines that it is inappropriate or would be unduly time consuming for the statement to be so read out.
- 20 (4) The validity of a sentence is not affected by non-compliance or insufficient compliance with this section.

### 18—Statements to be provided in accordance with rules

- (1) A statement to be provided to a court under section 16 or 17 must comply with and be provided in accordance with rules of court.
- 25 (2) Nothing prevents a statement to be provided to a court under section 16 or 17 from containing recommendations relating to the sentence to be determined by the court.
- (3) A copy of a statement to be provided to a court under section 16 or 17 must be made available for inspection by the defendant or the defendant's counsel in accordance with rules of court and the defendant is entitled to make submissions to the court in relation to the statement.
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### 19—Pre-sentence reports

- (1) A court may, if of the opinion that it would assist in determining sentence, order the preparation of pre-sentence reports on the physical or mental condition of the defendant, or on the personal circumstances and history of the defendant.
- 35 (2) The court should not order the preparation of a pre-sentence report—
- (a) if the information sought by the court cannot be provided within a reasonable time; or
- (b) if the penalty to be imposed is a mandatory penalty for which no other penalty can be substituted and a non-parole period is not in question.
- 40 (3) A pre-sentence report may be given orally or in writing.

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- (4) A copy of every written pre-sentence report received by a court must be provided to the prosecutor and to the defendant or the defendant's counsel.
- (5) The person by whom a pre-sentence report is given is liable to be examined or cross-examined on any of the matters contained in the report and, in the case of a written report, must appear before the court for that purpose if requested to do so.
- (6) If a statement of fact or opinion in a pre-sentence report is challenged by the prosecutor or the defendant, the court must disregard the fact or opinion unless it is substantiated on oath.

**20—Court to inform defendant of reasons etc for sentence**

- (1) A court must, on sentencing a defendant who is present in court (whether in person or by video link or audio link) for an offence or offences, state the sentence that it is imposing for the offence or offences and its reasons for imposing that sentence, including (for example) any reason why a sentence that would otherwise have been imposed for the offence or offences has been reduced.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) requires a court to state any information that relates to a person's cooperation, or undertaking to cooperate, with a law enforcement agency.
- (3) The validity of a sentence is not affected by non-compliance or insufficient compliance with this section.

**21—Rectification of sentencing errors**

- (1) A court that imposes, or purports to impose, a sentence on a defendant, or a court of coordinate jurisdiction, may, on its own initiative or on application by the DPP or the defendant, make such orders as the court is satisfied are required to rectify an error of a technical nature made by the sentencing court in imposing, or purporting to impose, the sentence, or to supply a deficiency or remove an ambiguity in the sentencing order.
- (2) The DPP and the defendant are both parties to proceedings under this section.

**22—Presence of defendant during sentencing proceedings**

- (1) Subject to the following exceptions, a defendant who is to be sentenced for an indictable offence must be present when the sentence is imposed and throughout all proceedings relevant to the determination of sentence:
- (a) the defendant may, with the prosecutor's consent, be absent during the whole or part of the proceedings;
- (b) the court may exclude the defendant from the courtroom if satisfied that the exclusion is necessary in the interests of safety or for the orderly conduct of the proceedings (however, if such an exclusion is made, the court should (if practicable) make arrangements to enable the defendant to see and hear the proceedings by videolink).
- (2) If the defendant is a body corporate, the requirement is satisfied by the presence of a director or some other representative of the body corporate satisfactory to the court (but, in that case, either the prosecutor or the court may waive the requirement).

(3) A court may make any order necessary to secure compliance with this section and, if necessary, issue a warrant to have the defendant (or, if the defendant is a body corporate, a director or other representative of the defendant) arrested and brought before the court.

5 (4) This section—

(a) does not prevent the passing of sentence in the absence of the defendant in a case where the defendant cannot be found; and

(b) does not invalidate a sentence passed in the absence of the defendant.

### 23—Sentencing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait defendants

10 (1) Before sentencing an Aboriginal or Torres Strait defendant, the court may, with the defendant's consent, and with the assistance of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Justice Officer—

(a) convene a sentencing conference; and

(b) take into consideration views expressed at the conference.

15 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) is to be taken to require the court to convene a sentencing conference if the court, after taking into account all relevant sentencing considerations, principles and factors, determines not to convene a sentencing conference.

(3) A sentencing conference must comprise—

20 (a) the defendant and, if the defendant is a child, the defendant's parent or guardian; and

(b) the defendant's legal representative (if any); and

(c) the prosecutor; and

25 (d) if the victim chooses to be present at the conference—the victim, and, if the victim so desires, a person of the victim's choice to provide assistance and support; and

(e) if the victim is a child—the victim's parent or guardian.

(4) A sentencing conference may also include (if the court thinks the person may contribute usefully to the sentencing process) 1 or more of the following:

30 (a) a person regarded by the defendant, and accepted within the defendant's Aboriginal or Torres Strait community, as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait elder;

35 (b) a person accepted by the defendant's Aboriginal or Torres Strait community as a person qualified to provide cultural advice relevant to sentencing of the defendant;

(c) a member of the defendant's family;

(d) a person who has provided support or counselling to the defendant;

(e) any other person.

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- (5) A person will be taken to be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait person for the purposes of this section if—
- (a) the person is descended from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
  - (b) the person regards themselves as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or, if the person is a young child, at least 1 of the parents regards the child as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
  - (c) the person is accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

- (6) In this section—

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Justice Officer*** means a person employed by the South Australian Courts Administration Authority whose duties include—

- (a) assisting the court in sentencing of Aboriginal or Torres Strait persons by providing advice on Aboriginal or Torres Strait society and culture; and
- (b) assisting the court to convene sentencing conferences under this section; and
- (c) assisting Aboriginal or Torres Strait persons to understand court procedures and sentencing options and to comply with court orders;

***close personal relationship*** means the relationship between 2 adult persons (whether or not related by family and irrespective of their sex or gender identity) who live together as a couple on a genuine domestic basis, but does not include—

- (a) the relationship between a legally married couple; or
- (b) a relationship where 1 of the persons provides the other with domestic support or personal care (or both) for fee or reward, or on behalf of some other person or an organisation of whatever kind;

**Note—**

Two persons may live together as a couple on a genuine domestic basis whether or not a sexual relationship exists, or has ever existed, between them.

***domestic partner***—a person is the domestic partner of another if the person lives with the other in a close personal relationship;

***family*** includes—

- (a) the defendant's spouse or domestic partner; and
- (b) any person to whom the defendant is related by blood; and
- (c) any person who is, or has been, a member of the defendant's household; and
- (d) any person held to be related to the defendant according to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship rules and observances;

***spouse***—a person is the spouse of another if they are legally married.

**Subdivision 2—General sentencing powers****24—Discharge without penalty**

- (1) If a court finds a person guilty of an offence but finds the offence so trifling that it is inappropriate to impose a penalty, the court may—
- 5           (a) without recording a conviction—dismiss the charge; or
- (b) on recording a conviction—discharge the defendant without penalty.
- (2) If a court finds a person guilty of an offence and—
- (a) the only penalty prescribed for the offence is a fine; and
- (b) the defendant has spent time in custody in respect of the offence; and
- 10           (c) the court is satisfied that there is good reason not to impose any further penalty on the defendant,
- the court may—
- (d) without recording a conviction—dismiss the charge; or
- (e) on recording a conviction—discharge the defendant without further penalty.
- 15           (3) A court may exercise the powers conferred by this section despite any minimum penalty fixed by an Act or statutory instrument.

**25—Imposition of penalty without conviction**

If a court finds a person guilty of an offence for which it proposes to impose a fine, a sentence of community service, or both and the court is of the opinion—

- 20           (a) that the defendant is unlikely to commit such an offence again; and
- (b) that, having regard to—
- (i) the character, antecedents, age or physical or mental condition of the defendant; or
- (ii) the fact that the offence was trifling; or
- 25           (iii) any other extenuating circumstances,
- good reason exists for not recording a conviction,
- the court may impose the penalty without recording a conviction.

**26—Court may reduce, add or substitute certain penalties**

- 30           (1) Subject to this Act or any other Act that prohibits the substitution or mitigation of a penalty prescribed under the Act, if on convicting a defendant or finding a defendant guilty of an offence and after having regard to—
- (a) the character, antecedents, age or physical or mental condition of the defendant; or
- (b) the fact that the offence was trifling; or
- 35           (c) any other extenuating circumstances,
- the court thinks that good reason exists for reducing the penalty below the minimum, the court may so reduce the penalty.

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(2) Subject to this Act or any other Act that prohibits the substitution or mitigation of a penalty prescribed under the Act, if on convicting a defendant or finding a defendant guilty of an offence, the court thinks that good reason exists for departing from the penalty provided for the offence under the Act, the court may—

- 5           (a) impose another type of sentence for the sentence prescribed under the Act for the offence; or
- (b) impose more than 1 type of sentence as the court thinks appropriate in the circumstances.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)—

- 10           (a) if the Act prescribes a sentence of imprisonment only for the offence, the court may impose—
- (i) a sentence of imprisonment (including a community based custodial sentence or a suspended sentence); or
- (ii) a fine; or
- 15           (iii) a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- (iv) both a fine and a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- (b) if the Act prescribes a sentence of both imprisonment and a fine for the offence, the court may impose—
- 20           (i) a sentence of imprisonment (including a community based custodial sentence or a suspended sentence) only; or
- (ii) a fine only; or
- (iii) a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- 25           (iv) both a fine and a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- (c) if the Act prescribes a sentence of imprisonment or a fine in the alternative for the offence, the court may instead impose—
- (i) a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- 30           (ii) both a fine and a sentence of community service under a community based order; or
- (d) if the Act prescribes a fine only for the offence, the court may instead impose a sentence of community service under a community based order.

(4) In this section—

*Act* includes a statutory instrument;

35           *community based custodial sentence* means—

- (a) a sentence on home detention under a home detention order; or
- (b) a sentence to be served in the community while subject to intensive correction under an intensive correction order;

40           *suspended sentence* means a sentence of imprisonment that is suspended on condition that the defendant enter into a bond under Part 4 Division 1.

**27—Sentencing for multiple offences**

(1) If a person is to be sentenced by a court for a number of offences, the court may, in such manner as it thinks fit, sentence the person to the 1 penalty for all or some of those offences, but the sentence cannot exceed the total of the maximum penalties that could be imposed in respect of each of the offences to which the sentence relates.

(2) However, if any of the offences for which the person is being sentenced is a prescribed designated offence, subsection (1) does not apply to the sentencing of the person for that offence (but nothing in this subsection affects the operation of subsection (1) in respect of the other offences).

(3) In this section—

*prescribed designated offence* has the same meaning as in section 82.

**28—Intervention orders may be issued on finding of guilt or sentencing**

(1) A court may, on finding a person guilty of an offence or on sentencing a person for an offence, exercise the powers of the Magistrates Court to issue against the defendant a restraining order under the *Summary Procedure Act 1921* or an intervention order under the *Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009* as if an application had been made under the relevant Act against the defendant in relation to the matters alleged in the proceedings for the offence.

(2) Before issuing an order under this section, the court must consider whether, if the whereabouts of the person for whose benefit the order would be issued are not known to the defendant, the issuing of the order would be counterproductive.

(3) If a court, in accordance with this section, determines to exercise the powers of the Magistrates Court to issue a restraining order under section 99AAC of the *Summary Procedure Act 1921*, section 99KA of that Act applies to proceedings relating to the restraining order as if—

(a) the court were the Magistrates Court; and

(b) the proceedings were child protection restraining order proceedings within the meaning of that section.

(4) An order issued under this section—

(a) has effect—

(i) as a restraining order under the *Summary Procedure Act 1921*; or

(ii) as a final intervention order issued by the court under the *Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009*,

as the case may require; and

(b) is not a sentence for the purposes of this Act.

(5) A court must, on finding a person guilty of a sexual offence or on sentencing a person for a sexual offence—

(a) consider whether or not an order should be issued under this section; and

(b) if the court determines that an order should not be issued under this section—give reasons for that determination (and the determination is subject to appeal as if it were an order of the court made on sentence).

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(6) In this section—

*sexual offence* means—

- (a) rape; or
- (b) compelled sexual manipulation; or
- 5 (c) indecent assault; or
- (d) any offence involving unlawful sexual intercourse or an act of gross indecency; or
- (e) incest; or
- 10 (f) any offence involving sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, or exploitation of a child as an object of prurient interest; or
- (g) an offence of sexual exploitation of a person with a cognitive impairment under section 51 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*; or
- (h) any attempt to commit, or assault with intent to commit, any of the foregoing offences.

**29—Deferral of sentence for rehabilitation and other purposes**

- (1) A court may, on finding a person guilty of an offence (whether or not it proceeds to conviction), make an order adjourning proceedings to a specified date, and granting bail to the defendant in accordance with the *Bail Act 1985*—
  - 20 (a) for the purpose of assessing the defendant's capacity and prospects for rehabilitation; or
  - (b) for the purpose of allowing the defendant to demonstrate that rehabilitation has taken place; or
  - (c) for the purpose of assessing the defendant's eligibility for participation in an intervention program; or
  - 25 (d) for the purpose of allowing the defendant to participate in an intervention program; or
  - (e) for any other purpose the court considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- (2) As a general rule, proceedings may not be adjourned under this section (whether by a single adjournment or a series of adjournments) for more than 12 months from the date of the finding of guilt (the *usual maximum*).
- 30 (3) A court may adjourn proceedings for a period exceeding the usual maximum if the defendant is, or will be, participating in an intervention program and the court is satisfied that—
  - 35 (a) the defendant has, by participating in, or agreeing to participate in, the intervention program, demonstrated a commitment to addressing the problems out of which the defendant's offending arose; and
  - (b) if the proceedings were not adjourned for such a period—
    - 40 (i) the defendant would be prevented from completing, or participating in, the intervention program; and
    - (ii) the defendant's rehabilitation would be prejudiced.

- (4) In considering whether to adjourn proceedings for a period exceeding the usual maximum, a court is not bound by the rules of evidence and may (in particular) inform itself on the basis of a written or oral report from a person who may be in a position to provide relevant information.
- 5 (5) A person who provides information to the court by way of a written or oral report is liable to be cross-examined on any of the matters contained in the report.
- (6) If a statement of fact or opinion in a report is challenged by the prosecutor or the defendant, the court must disregard the fact or opinion unless it is substantiated on oath.
- 10 (7) This section does not limit any power that a court has, apart from this section, to adjourn proceedings or to grant bail in relation to any period of adjournment.

### 30—Mental impairment

- (1) A court that finds a defendant guilty of a summary or minor indictable offence may release the defendant without conviction or penalty if satisfied—
- 15 (a) that the defendant—
- (i) suffers from a mental impairment that explains and extenuates, at least to some extent, the conduct that forms the subject matter of the offence; and
  - (ii) has completed, or is participating to a satisfactory extent in, an  
20 intervention program; and
  - (iii) recognises that he or she suffers from the mental impairment and is making a conscientious attempt to overcome behavioural problems associated with it; and
- (b) that the release of the defendant under this subsection would not involve an  
25 unacceptable risk to the safety of a particular person or the community.
- (2) A court may, at any time before a charge of a summary or minor indictable offence has been finally determined, dismiss the charge if satisfied—
- (a) that the defendant—
- (i) suffers from a mental impairment that explains and extenuates, at  
30 least to some extent, the conduct that forms the subject matter of the offence; and
  - (ii) has completed, or participated to a satisfactory extent in, an  
intervention program; and
  - (iii) recognises that he or she suffers from the mental impairment and is  
35 making a conscientious attempt to overcome behavioural problems associated with it; and
- (b) that dismissal of the charge under this subsection would not involve an unacceptable risk to the safety of a particular person or the community; and
- (c) that the court would not, if a finding of guilt were made, make an order  
40 requiring the defendant to pay compensation for injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence.

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- (3) If the defendant is participating in, but has not completed, an intervention program, the court may, instead of dismissing the charge under subsection (2), release the defendant on an undertaking—
- (a) to complete the intervention program; and
  - (b) to appear before the court for determination of the charge—
    - (i) after the defendant has completed the intervention program; or
    - (ii) if the defendant fails to complete the intervention program.
- (4) In deciding whether to exercise its powers under this section, the court—
- (a) may act on the basis of information that it considers reliable without regard to the rules of evidence; and
  - (b) should, if proposing to dismiss a charge under subsection (2) or release a defendant on an undertaking under subsection (3), consider any information about the interests of possible victims that is before it (but is not obliged to inform itself on the matter).
- (5) In this section—
- court* means—
- (a) the Magistrates Court; or
  - (b) the Youth Court; or
  - (c) any other court authorised by regulation to exercise the powers conferred by this section;

*mental impairment* means an impaired intellectual or mental function resulting from a mental illness, an intellectual disability, a personality disorder, or a brain injury or neurological disorder (including dementia).

**Subdivision 3—Taking further offences into account****31—Definitions**

For the purposes of this Subdivision—

*further offence* means an offence referred to in a list of additional charges;

*list of additional charges* means a document filed in court by the prosecutor as referred to in section 32;

*principal offence* means an offence the subject of proceedings referred to in section 32(1).

**32—Prosecutor may file list of additional charges**

- (1) In any proceedings for an offence (the *principal offence*), the prosecutor may file in the court a document that specifies other offences with which the defendant has been charged, but not convicted, being offences that the defendant has indicated are offences that the defendant wants the court to take into account when dealing with the defendant for the principal offence.
- (2) A list of additional charges may be filed at any time—
- (a) after the court finds the defendant guilty of the principal offence, and

- (b) before the court deals with the defendant for the principal offence.
- (3) A copy of the list of additional charges, as filed in the court, must be given to the defendant.
- (4) A list of additional charges—
- 5           (a) must be signed by the defendant; and
- (b) must be signed by or on behalf of the DPP or by a person, or a person belonging to a class of persons, prescribed by the regulations.
- (5) A failure to comply with the requirements of this section does not invalidate any sentence imposed by the court for the principal offence.

### 10 **33—Outstanding charges may be taken into account**

- (1) When dealing with the defendant for the principal offence, the court must ask the defendant whether the defendant wants the court to take any further offences into account in dealing with the defendant for the principal offence.
- (2) The court may take a further offence into account in dealing with the defendant for the principal offence—
- 15           (a) if the defendant—
- (i) admits guilt to the further offence; and
- (ii) indicates that the defendant wants the court to take the further offence into account in dealing with the defendant for the principal offence; and
- 20           (b) if, in all of the circumstances, the court considers it appropriate to do so.
- (3) If the court takes a further offence into account, the penalty imposed on the defendant for the principal offence must not exceed the maximum penalty that the court could have imposed for the principal offence had the further offence not been taken into account.
- 25           (4) A court may not take a further offence into account—
- (a) if the offence is of a kind for which the court has no jurisdiction to impose a penalty; or
- (b) if the offence is an indictable offence that is punishable with imprisonment
- 30           for life.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)(a), a court is taken to have jurisdiction to impose a penalty for an offence even if that jurisdiction may only be exercised with the consent of the defendant.
- (6) Despite subsection (4)(a), the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeal and the
- 35           District Court may take a summary offence into account.

### **34—Ancillary orders relating to offences taken into account**

- (1) If a court takes a further offence into account under this Subdivision, the court may make such ancillary orders as it could have made had it convicted the offender of the offence when it took the offence into account, but may not impose a separate penalty
- 40           for the offence.

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(2) A defendant with respect to whom an ancillary order is made has the same rights of appeal as the defendant would have had if the order had been made on the conviction of the defendant for the further offence.

(3) An ancillary order for an offence taken into account lapses, by force of this subsection, if the defendant's conviction for the principal offence is quashed or set aside.

(4) In this section—

*ancillary order* means an order or direction with respect to restitution, compensation, costs, forfeiture, destruction, disqualification or loss or suspension of a licence or privilege.

**35—Consequences of taking offences into account**

(1) If a further offence is taken into account under this Subdivision—

(a) the court is to certify, on the list of additional charges, that the further offence has been taken into account, and

(b) no proceedings may be taken or continued in respect of the further offence unless the conviction for the principal offence is quashed or set aside.

(2) This section does not prevent a court that has taken a further offence into account when dealing with a defendant for a principal offence from taking the further offence into account if it subsequently imposes a penalty when sentencing or re-sentencing the defendant for the principal offence.

(3) An admission of guilt made for the purposes of this Subdivision is not admissible in evidence in any proceedings relating to—

(a) the further offence in respect of which the admission was made; or

(b) any other offence specified in the list of additional charges.

(4) An offence taken into account under this Subdivision is not, merely because of its being taken into account, to be regarded for any purpose as an offence of which a defendant has been convicted.

(5) In or in relation to any criminal proceedings, reference may lawfully be made to, or evidence may lawfully be given of, the fact that a further offence has been taken into account under this Subdivision in imposing a penalty for a principal offence of which a defendant has been found guilty if, in or in relation to those proceedings—

(a) reference may lawfully be made to, or evidence may lawfully be given of, the fact that the defendant was found guilty or convicted of the principal offence; and

(b) had the defendant been found guilty or convicted of the further offence so taken into account, reference could lawfully have been made to, or evidence could lawfully have been given of, the fact that the defendant had been found guilty or convicted of that further offence.

(6) The fact that a further offence has been taken into account under this Subdivision may be proved in the same manner as the conviction for the principal offence.

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### Division 1—Imprisonment

#### 36—Commencement of sentences and non-parole periods

- 5 (1) If a court imposes a sentence of imprisonment and does not suspend the sentence under Part 4 Division 1, the court must specify the date on which, or the time at which, the sentence is to commence or is to be taken to have commenced.
- (2) If a defendant has spent time in custody in respect of an offence for which the defendant is subsequently sentenced to imprisonment, the court may, when sentencing the defendant, take into account the time already spent in custody and—
- 10 (a) make an appropriate reduction in the term of the sentence; or
- (b) direct that the sentence will be taken to have commenced—
- (i) on the day on which the defendant was taken into custody; or
- (ii) on a date specified by the court that occurs after the day on which the defendant was taken into custody but before the day on which the defendant is sentenced.
- 15 (3) If a court imposes a sentence of imprisonment on a defendant who is not present in court, the court must direct that the sentence is to commence—
- (a) on the day on which the defendant is taken into custody under the warrant of commitment issued in respect of the sentence; or
- 20 (b) if the defendant is subject to some other sentence of imprisonment—on the completion of that other sentence of imprisonment or at some earlier time fixed by the court.
- (4) If a court fixes a non-parole period, the court must specify the date on which the non-parole period is to commence or is to be taken to have commenced.
- 25 (5) If a court directs that a sentence of imprisonment is to be taken to have commenced on the day on which the defendant was taken into custody, any non-parole period fixed by the court in respect of that sentence will be taken to have commenced on that day.
- (6) If, on imposing a sentence of imprisonment, the court fails to specify the date on which or the time at which the sentence is to commence or is to be taken to have commenced, the sentence will—
- 30 (a) in the case of a defendant not then in custody—commence on the day on which the defendant is subsequently taken into custody for the offence; or
- (b) in the case of a defendant already in custody for the offence—be taken to have commenced on the day on which the defendant was last so taken into custody; or
- 35 (c) in the case of a defendant in custody for some other offence—commence on the day on which the sentence is imposed, unless the sentence is to be served cumulatively under this Act or any other Act.

### 37—Cumulative sentences

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the court by which a sentence of imprisonment is imposed may direct that the sentence be cumulative on any other sentence, or sentences, of imprisonment or detention in a training centre then being served, or to be served, by the defendant.

(2) If a sentence of imprisonment is imposed for an offence committed by the defendant—

(a) during a period of release on parole or conditional release; or

(b) while serving a period of imprisonment under an order of the Parole Board for breach of parole conditions,

the sentence will (except where 1 of the sentences to which the defendant is subject is life imprisonment) be cumulative on the sentence, or sentences, in respect of which the defendant was on parole.

(3) A direction may be given under subsection (1) irrespective of the number of cumulative sentences that the defendant is already serving or will, in consequence of the direction, be liable to serve.

(4) This section does not apply in relation to a youth unless the youth is sentenced as an adult.

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#### 38—Application of Division to youths

(1) The following provisions of this Division do not apply in relation to a youth (whether or not the youth is sentenced as an adult, or is sentenced to detention to be served in a prison, or is otherwise transferred to or ordered to serve a period of detention in a prison):

(a) section 39(5)(b);

(b) section 39(5)(d);

(c) section 39(6);

(d) section 40.

(2) The remaining provisions of this Division do not apply in relation to a youth unless the youth is sentenced as an adult, or is sentenced to detention to be served in a prison, or is otherwise transferred to or ordered to serve a period of detention in a prison.

(3) Section 39 applies in relation to a person who is serving concurrent sentences of imprisonment and detention in a prison as if the person were serving concurrent sentences of imprisonment.

#### 39—Duty of court to fix or extend non-parole periods

(1) Subject to this section, when a court, on convicting a person of an offence, sentences the person to imprisonment, the court must—

(a) if the person is not subject to an existing non-parole period—fix a non-parole period; or

- 5 (b) if the person is subject to an existing non-parole period—review the non-parole period and extend it by such period as the court thinks fit (but not so that the period of extension exceeds the period of imprisonment that the person becomes liable to serve by virtue of the sentence, or sentences, imposed by the court); or
- (c) if the person is serving a minimum term imposed in respect of an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or is liable to serve such a term on the expiry of an existing non-parole period—fix a non-parole period in respect of the sentence, or sentences, to be served on the expiry of that minimum term.
- 10 (2) If the sentence of imprisonment is imposed for an offence committed during a period of release on parole or conditional release from a previous sentence of imprisonment or detention, the court, in fixing a non-parole period under subsection (1)(a), must have regard to the total period of imprisonment (or detention and imprisonment) that the person is, by virtue of the new sentence and the balance of the previous sentence, liable to serve.
- 15 (3) If a prisoner is serving a sentence of imprisonment but is not subject to an existing non-parole period, the sentencing court may, subject to subsection (5), fix a non-parole period, on application by the prisoner or the presiding member of the Parole Board.
- 20 (4) The fact that the prisoner has completed a non-parole period previously fixed in respect of the same sentence of imprisonment, or that a court has previously declined to fix a non-parole period in respect of that sentence, does not preclude an application under subsection (3).
- (5) The above provisions are subject to the following qualifications:
- 25 (a) a non-parole period may not be fixed in respect of a person who is liable to serve a total period of imprisonment (or detention and imprisonment) of less than 1 year;
- (b) if fixing a non-parole period in respect of a person sentenced to life imprisonment for an offence of murder, the mandatory minimum non-parole period prescribed in respect of the offence is 20 years;
- 30 (c) if a person who is subject to a sentence of life imprisonment is further sentenced to imprisonment by the Magistrates Court or the Youth Court, the question of whether a non-parole period should be fixed or extended must be referred to the court by which the sentence of life imprisonment was imposed;
- 35 (d) if fixing a non-parole period in respect of a person sentenced to imprisonment for a serious offence against the person, the mandatory minimum non-parole period prescribed in respect of the offence is four-fifths the length of the sentence;
- 40 (e) a court may, by order, decline to fix a non-parole period in respect of a person sentenced to imprisonment if the court is of the opinion that it would be inappropriate to fix such a period because of—
- (i) the gravity of the offence or the circumstances surrounding the offence; or
- (ii) the criminal record of the person; or

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(iii) the behaviour of the person during any previous period of release on parole or conditional release; or

(iv) any other circumstance.

(6) If—

(a) a court sentences a person under section 27 to the 1 penalty for a number of offences; and

(b) a mandatory minimum non-parole period is prescribed (*mandatory period*) in respect of any of those offences,

any non-parole period to be fixed by the court under that section—

(c) must be a period not less than the mandatory period prescribed in respect of the relevant offence; and

(d) if there is more than 1 such offence in respect of which a mandatory period is prescribed—must be a period not less than the greater of any such mandatory period; and

(e) must be commenced or be taken to have commenced on the date specified by the court (which may be the day on which the person was first taken into custody or a later date specified by the court that occurs after the day on which the defendant was taken into custody but before the day on which the person is sentenced).

**Note—**

See PNJ v The Queen [2009] HCA 6.

(7) The DPP or the presiding member of the Parole Board or the Training Centre Review Board (as the case may require) may apply to the sentencing court for an order extending a non-parole period fixed in respect of the sentence, or sentences, of a prisoner, whether the non-parole period was fixed before or after the commencement of this Act.

(8) The DPP must be notified of an application made by the presiding member of the Parole Board or Training Centre Review Board under this section.

(9) In fixing or extending a non-parole period, the court—

(a) must, if the person in respect of whom the non-parole period is to be fixed or extended is in prison or a training centre serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention, take into account the period already served; and

(b) in the case of an application by the DPP or the presiding member of the Parole Board or Training Centre Review Board under subsection (7), must have regard to—

(i) the likely behaviour of the person the subject of the application should the person be released from custody; and

(ii) the necessity (if any) to protect some other person or persons generally should the person be released from custody; and

(iii) the behaviour of the person while in custody (but only insofar as it may assist the court to determine how the person is likely to behave should the person be released); and

(iv) such other matters as the court thinks relevant.

(10) This section does not apply in relation to a person who is serving, or is liable to serve, a sentence of indeterminate duration.

(11) The Parole Board or the Training Centre Review Board (as the case may require) must, at the request of a sentencing court, make a report to the court on any person in respect of whom the court proposes to fix or extend a non-parole period.

(12) For the purposes of this section—

(a) a court that orders a suspended sentence of imprisonment to be carried into effect will be taken to have sentenced the person to whom the order relates to imprisonment; and

(b) the person the subject of an application by the DPP or the presiding member of the Parole Board or Training Centre Review Board under this section is a party to the application and the DPP is a party to an application under subsection (3); and

(c) a reference to an *offence of murder* includes—

(i) an offence of conspiracy to murder; and

(ii) an offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of murder; and

(d) the *sentencing court* means—

(i) if the prisoner is subject to a single sentence of imprisonment, or a number of sentences imposed by the 1 court or by a number of courts of coordinate jurisdiction—that court, or a court of coordinate jurisdiction; or

(ii) if the prisoner is subject to a number of sentences of imprisonment imposed by courts of different jurisdiction—the court of the highest jurisdiction or a court whose jurisdiction is coordinate with the jurisdiction of that court; and

(e) a *serious offence against the person* means—

(i) a major indictable offence (other than an offence of murder) that results in the death of the victim or the victim suffering total incapacity; or

(ii) a conspiracy to commit an offence referred to in subparagraph (i); or

(iii) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence referred to in subparagraph (i); and

(f) a victim suffers *total incapacity* if the victim is permanently physically or mentally incapable of independent function.

#### 40—Mandatory minimum non-parole periods and proportionality

(1) If a mandatory minimum non-parole period is prescribed in respect of an offence, the period prescribed represents the non-parole period for an offence at the lower end of the range of objective seriousness for offences to which the mandatory minimum non-parole period applies.

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- (2) In fixing a non-parole period in respect of an offence for which a mandatory minimum non-parole period is prescribed, the court may—
- (a) if satisfied that a non-parole period that is longer than the prescribed period is warranted because of any objective or subjective factors affecting the relative seriousness of the offence, fix such longer non-parole period as it thinks fit; or
- (b) if satisfied that special reasons exist for fixing a non-parole period that is shorter than the prescribed period, fix such shorter non-parole period as it thinks fit.
- (3) In deciding whether special reasons exist for the purposes of subsection (2)(b), the court must have regard to the following matters and only those matters:
- (a) the offence was committed in circumstances in which the victim's conduct or condition substantially mitigated the offender's conduct;
- (b) if the offender pleaded guilty to the charge of the offence—that fact and the circumstances surrounding the plea;
- (c) the degree to which the offender has cooperated in the investigation or prosecution of that or any other offence and the circumstances surrounding, and likely consequences of, any such cooperation.
- (4) This section applies whether a mandatory minimum non-parole period is prescribed under this Act or some other Act.

**Division 3—Serious firearm offenders****41—Interpretation**

- (1) In this Division—

*serious drug offence* means an offence against section 32, 33, 33A, 33B, 33C, 33F, 33G, 33H, 33I, 33J, 33K, 33LA or 33LB of the *Controlled Substances Act 1984*;

*serious firearm offence* means—

- (a) an offence against the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* or the *Firearms Act 2015* involving the use or carriage of—
- (i) a category H firearm—
- (A) that is unregistered at the time of the offence or is registered in the name of a person other than the defendant; and
- (B) for which the defendant does not, at the time of the offence, hold a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm; or
- (ii) a category C firearm or category D firearm that is an automatic firearm; or
- (iii) a prescribed firearm (other than a firearm declared by the regulations to be excluded from the ambit of this subparagraph); or
- (iv) any other firearm declared by the regulations to be included in the ambit of this paragraph; or

- (b) an offence against the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* or the *Firearms Act 2015* involving the use or possession of a firearm and committed—
- (i) while the defendant is the subject of a control order under the *Serious and Organised Crime (Control) Act 2008*; or
  - 5 (ii) in the circumstances contemplated by section 5AA(1)(ga) of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*; or
  - (iii) while the defendant is the subject of a firearms prohibition order; or
- (c) an offence against section 29A of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*; or
- 10 (d) an offence against the *Firearms Act 2015* involving the use or possession of a firearm if the use or possession of the firearm occurred in the course of, or was for a purpose related to, the commission of a serious drug offence; or
- (e) an offence against the *Firearms Act 2015* committed while the defendant—
- 15 (i) is on bail (being bail that was, at the relevant time, subject to the condition imposed by section 11(1)(a) of the *Bail Act 1985*); or
  - (ii) is the subject of a bond under this or any other Act (being a bond that was, at the relevant time, subject to the condition imposed by section 86(1)(a), or a condition of a similar kind); or
  - 20 (iii) is on release from prison on home detention (being a release subject to the condition imposed by section 37A(3)(ca) of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*); or
  - (iv) is on parole (being parole that was, at the relevant time, subject to the condition imposed by section 68(1)(a)(ia) of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*); or
  - 25 (v) is on release on licence from custody under this or any other Act (being a licence that was, at the relevant time, subject to a condition prohibiting the defendant from possessing a firearm, part of a firearm or ammunition); or
- (f) an offence against section 45(9) of the *Firearms Act 2015*; or
- 30 (g) an offence against section 22(2)(a) of the *Firearms Act 2015*;

***serious firearm offender*** means a person who is, by virtue of the operation of section 42, a serious firearm offender.

- (2) In this Division, the following terms have the same meaning as in the *Firearms Act 2015*:
- 35 (a) automatic firearm;
  - (b) category C firearm;
  - (c) category D firearm;
  - (d) category H firearm;
  - (e) firearm;
  - 40 (f) firearms prohibition order;

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(g) prescribed firearm.

- (3) For the purposes of this Division, a reference to imprisonment includes, in the case of a youth, a reference to detention in a training centre or home detention (within the meaning of the *Young Offenders Act 1993*).

5 **42—Serious firearm offenders**

(1) A person will, by force of this section, be taken to be a *serious firearm offender* if the person is convicted of a serious firearm offence (whether the offence was committed as an adult or as a youth).

10 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a conviction of a serious firearm offence if—

(a) the defendant was prosecuted and punished as a principal offender in respect of the offence under section 267 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*; or

15 (b) the defendant's liability in respect of the offence derives solely from the defendant's involvement in a joint criminal enterprise (however described).

**43—Sentence of imprisonment not to be suspended**

(1) Subject to subsection (2), but despite any other provision of this Act or any other Act or law, the following provisions apply in relation to the sentencing of a person who is a serious firearm offender for a serious firearm offence (including where the offence is the serious firearm offence that resulted in the person being a serious firearm offender):

(a) if the maximum penalty for the serious firearm offence includes a period of imprisonment—a sentence of imprisonment must be imposed on the person;

(b) the sentence of imprisonment cannot be suspended;

25 (c) section 26 does not apply in respect of the sentencing of the person.

(2) A court sentencing a person who is a serious firearm offender for a serious firearm offence may declare that subsection (1)(b) does not apply to the person if the person satisfies the court, by evidence given on oath, that—

30 (a) the person's personal circumstances are so exceptional as to outweigh the need to protect the safety of the community and personal and general deterrence; and

(b) it is, in all the circumstances, appropriate to suspend the sentence.

**Division 4—Serious repeat adult offenders and recidivist young offenders**

**44—Interpretation and application**

35 (1) In this Division—

*category A serious offence* means any of the following serious offences:

(a) home invasion;

(b) a serious and organised crime offence;

(c) a serious firearm offence;

**home invasion** means a criminal trespass committed in a place of residence while a person is lawfully present in the place and the trespasser knows of the person's presence or is reckless about whether anyone is in the place;

**serious and organised crime offence** has the same meaning as in the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*;

**serious drug offence** means—

(a) an offence against Part 5 Division 2 or 3 of the *Controlled Substances Act 1984* or a substantially similar offence against a corresponding previous enactment; or

(b) a conspiracy to commit, or an attempt to commit, such an offence;

**serious firearm offence** means a serious firearm offence within the meaning of Division 3;

**serious offence** means—

(a) a serious drug offence; or

(b) an offence against a law of the Commonwealth dealing with the unlawful importation of drugs into Australia; or

(c) an offence involving a terrorist act (within the meaning of the *Terrorism (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2002*); or

(d) one of the following offences:

(i) an offence under Part 3 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*;

(ii) an offence of robbery or aggravated robbery;

(iii) home invasion;

(iv) an offence of damage to property by fire or explosives;

(v) an offence of causing a bushfire;

(vi) an offence against a corresponding previous enactment substantially similar to an offence referred to in any of the preceding subparagraphs;

(vii) a conspiracy to commit, or an attempt to commit, an offence referred to in any of the preceding subparagraphs; or

**Note—**

A person who acts as an accessory to the commission of an offence described in paragraph (d) is, by virtue of section 267 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*, guilty of the principal offence and has, therefore, committed a serious offence.

(e) an offence that is committed in circumstances in which the offender uses violence or a threat of violence for the purpose of committing the offence, in the course of committing the offence, or for the purpose of escaping from the scene of the offence; or

(f) a serious firearm offence; or

(g) a serious and organised crime offence; or

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- (h) an offence against the law of another State or a Territory that would, if committed in this State, be a serious offence;

*serious repeat offender* means—

- (a) a person who is a serious repeat offender under section 45(1); or
- 5 (b) a person declared to be a serious repeat offender under section 20B of the *Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988* as in force immediately before the commencement of section 17 of the *Statutes Amendment (Serious Firearm Offences) Act 2012*; or
- 10 (c) a person declared to be a serious repeat offender under section 20B of the *Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988* as in force immediately before the repeal of that Act;

*serious sexual offence* means—

- (a) any of the following serious offences:
- 15 (i) an offence against section 48, 48A, 49, 50, 56, 58, 59, 60, 63, 63B, 66, 67, 68 or 72 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*;
- (ii) an offence against a corresponding previous enactment substantially similar to an offence referred to in subparagraph (i);
- (iii) an attempt to commit or an assault with intent to commit any of those offences; or
- 20 (b) an offence against the law of another State or a Territory corresponding to an offence referred to in paragraph (a).

- (2) For the purposes of this Division, an offence (other than a serious firearm offence) will not be regarded as a serious offence unless the maximum penalty prescribed for the offence is, or includes, imprisonment for at least 5 years.

- 25 (3) An offence is one to which this Division applies if the offence is a serious offence and—

- (a) a sentence of imprisonment (other than a suspended sentence) has been imposed for the offence; or
- 30 (b) if a penalty is yet to be imposed—a sentence of imprisonment (other than a suspended sentence) is, in the circumstances, the appropriate penalty.

#### 45—Serious repeat offenders

- (1) A person will, by force of this subsection, be taken to be a *serious repeat offender* if—

- (a) the person (whether as an adult or as a youth)—

- 35 (i) has committed on at least 3 separate occasions a category A serious offence to which this Division applies (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
- (ii) has been convicted of those offences; or

- (b) the person (whether as an adult or as a youth)—

- (i) has committed on at least 3 separate occasions an offence to which this Division applies (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
  - (ii) has been convicted of those offences; or
- 5 (c) the person (whether as an adult or as a youth)—
- (i) has committed on at least 2 separate occasions a serious sexual offence against a person or persons under the age of 14 years (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
  - (ii) has been convicted of those offences; or
- 10 (d) the person (whether as an adult or as a youth)—
- (i) has committed on at least 2 separate occasions a category A serious offence (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
  - (ii) has been convicted of those offences.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, when determining the number of occasions on which a person has committed a particular kind of offence, the offence for which the person is being sentenced is to be included if it is of the relevant kind.
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#### 46—Sentencing of serious repeat offenders

- (1) The following provisions apply in relation to the sentencing of a person who is a serious repeat offender for an offence (including an offence that resulted in the person being a serious repeat offender):
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- (a) the court sentencing the person is not bound to ensure that the sentence it imposes for the offence is proportional to the offence;
  - (b) any non-parole period fixed in relation to the sentence must be at least four-fifths the length of the sentence.
- (2) However, a court that is sentencing a person who is a serious repeat offender for an offence may declare that subsection (1) does not apply if the person satisfies the court, by evidence given on oath, that—
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- (a) the person's personal circumstances are so exceptional as to outweigh the primary policy of the criminal law of emphasising public safety; and
  - (b) it is, in all the circumstances, not appropriate that the person be sentenced as a serious repeat offender.
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#### 47—Declaration that youth is recidivist young offender

- (1) A youth is liable to be declared a recidivist young offender if—
- (a) the youth—
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- (i) has committed on at least 3 separate occasions an offence to which this Division applies (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
  - (ii) has been convicted of those offences; or
- (b) the youth—

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- (i) has committed on at least 2 separate occasions a serious sexual offence against a person or persons under the age of 14 years (whether or not the same offence on each occasion); and
- (ii) has been convicted of those offences.

- 5 (2) If a court convicts a youth of a serious offence, and the youth is liable, or becomes liable as a result of the conviction, to a declaration that the youth is a recidivist young offender, the court—
- (a) must consider whether to make such a declaration; and
  - (b) if of the opinion that the youth's history of offending warrants a particularly severe sentence in order to protect the community—should make such a declaration.
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- (3) If a court convicts a youth of a serious offence, and the youth is declared (or has previously been declared) to be a recidivist young offender—
- (a) the court is not bound to ensure that the sentence it imposes for the offence is proportional to the offence (but, in the case of the Youth Court, the limitations relating to a sentence of detention under section 23 of the *Young Offenders Act 1993* apply to the sentence that may be imposed by the Youth Court on the recidivist young offender); and
  - (b) any non-parole period fixed in relation to the sentence must be at least
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- 20 four-fifths the length of the sentence.

## **Division 5—Offenders incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, sexual instincts**

### **48—Application of this Division**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Division does not apply in relation to a youth.
- 25 (2) The Supreme Court may exercise its powers under section 49 in relation to a youth who is sentenced as an adult under the *Young Offenders Act 1993*.

### **49—Offenders incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, sexual instincts**

- (1) In this section—

*institution* means—

- 30 (a) a prison; and
- (b) a place declared by the Governor by proclamation to be a place in which persons may be detained under this section; and
- (c) in relation to a youth, includes a training centre;

*person to whom this section applies* means—

- 35 (a) a person convicted by the Supreme Court of a relevant offence; or
- (b) a person remanded by the District Court or the Magistrates Court under subsection (2) to be dealt with by the Supreme Court under this section; or
- (c) a person who is the subject of an application by the Attorney-General under subsection (3);

*relevant offence* means—

- (a) an offence under section 48, 48A, 49, 50, 56, 58, 59, 63, 63A, 63B, 69 or 72 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*; or
- (b) an offence under section 23 of the *Summary Offences Act 1953*; or
- 5 (c) an offence against a corresponding previous enactment substantially similar to an offence referred to in either of the preceding paragraphs; or
- (d) any other offence where the evidence indicates that the defendant may be incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, the defendant's sexual instincts; or
- 10 (e) an offence of failing to comply with a reporting obligation relating to reportable contact with a child without a reasonable excuse where the defendant is a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006*;

*unwilling*—a person to whom this section applies will be regarded as unwilling to control sexual instincts if there is a significant risk that the person would, given an opportunity to commit a relevant offence, fail to exercise appropriate control of the person's sexual instincts.

- 15 (2) If, in proceedings before the District Court or Magistrates Court, a person is convicted of a relevant offence and—
  - 20 (a) the court is of the opinion that the defendant should be dealt with under this section; or
  - (b) the prosecutor applies to have the defendant dealt with under this section, the court will, instead of sentencing the defendant itself, remand the convicted person, in custody or on bail, to appear before the Supreme Court to be dealt with under this section.
- 25 (3) If a person has been convicted of a relevant offence, the Attorney-General may, while the person remains in prison serving a sentence of imprisonment, apply to the Supreme Court to have the person dealt with under this section.
- 30 (4) The Attorney-General may make an application under subsection (3) in respect of a person serving a sentence of imprisonment whether or not an application to the Supreme Court to have the person dealt with under this section has previously been made (but, if a previous application has been made, a further application cannot be made more than 12 months before the person is eligible to apply for release on parole).
- 35 (5) The Supreme Court must, before determining whether to make an order that a person to whom this section applies be detained in custody until further order, direct that at least 2 legally qualified medical practitioners (to be nominated by a prescribed authority for the purpose) inquire into the mental condition of a person to whom this section applies and report to the Court on whether the person is incapable of
- 40 controlling, or unwilling to control, the person's sexual instincts.
- (6) The Supreme Court may order that a person to whom this section applies be detained in custody until further order if satisfied that the order is appropriate.

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- (7) The paramount consideration of the Supreme Court in determining whether to make an order that a person to whom this section applies be detained in custody until further order must be the safety of the community.
- (8) The Supreme Court must also take the following matters into consideration in determining whether to make an order that a person to whom this section applies be detained in custody until further order:
- (a) the reports of the medical practitioners (as directed and nominated under subsection (5)) provided to the Court;
  - (b) any relevant evidence or representations that the person may desire to put to the Court;
  - (c) any report required by the Court under section 53;
  - (d) any other matter that the Court thinks relevant.
- (9) A copy of a report provided to the Supreme Court under subsection (8) must be given to each party to the proceedings or to counsel for those parties.
- (10) If a person to whom this section applies refuses to cooperate with an inquiry or examination for the purposes of this section, the Supreme Court may, if satisfied that the order is appropriate, order that the person be detained in custody until further order having given—
- (a) paramount consideration to the safety of the community; and
  - (b) consideration to any relevant evidence and representations that the person may desire to put to the Court.
- (11) If a person to whom this section applies has not been sentenced for a relevant offence, the Supreme Court will deal with the question of sentence at the same time as it deals with the question whether an order is to be made under this section and, if the Court decides to make such an order, the order may be made in addition to, or instead of, a sentence of imprisonment.
- (12) If the detention is in addition to a sentence of imprisonment, the detention will commence on the expiration of the term of imprisonment, or of all terms of imprisonment that the person is liable to serve.
- (13) A person detained in custody under this section will be detained—
- (a) if the defendant is under 18 years of age—in such institution (not being a prison) as the Minister for Family and Community Services from time to time directs;
  - (b) in any other case—in such institution as the Minister for Correctional Services from time to time directs.
- (14) The progress and circumstances of a person subject to an order under this section must be reviewed at least once in each period of 12 months—
- (a) if the person is detained in, or released on licence from, a training centre—by the Training Centre Review Board; or
  - (b) in any other case—by the Parole Board,
- for the purpose of making a recommendation about whether the person is—

- (c) if the person is in custody—suitable for release on licence under section 51;  
or
- (d) if the person has been authorised to be released, or has been released, on licence under section 51—suitable to be so released.

5 (15) The results of a review under subsection (14), including the recommendation of the relevant Board, must be embodied in a written report, a copy of which must be provided to the person the subject of the report, the Attorney-General and—

(a) in the case of a report of the Training Centre Review Board—to the Minister for Family and Community Services;

10 (b) in the case of a report of the Parole Board—to the Minister for Correctional Services.

### 50—Discharge of detention order under section 49

(1) Subject to this Act, a person subject to an order for detention under section 49 will not be released from detention under that section until the Supreme Court, on application  
15 by the DPP or the person, discharges the order for detention.

(2) The Supreme Court must, before determining an application under this section for the discharge of an order for detention under section 49, direct that at least 2 legally qualified medical practitioners (to be nominated by a prescribed authority for the purpose) inquire into the mental condition of the person subject to the order and report  
20 to the Court on whether the person is incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, the person's sexual instincts.

(3) The paramount consideration of the Supreme Court when determining an application for the discharge of an order for detention under section 49 must be the safety of the community.

25 (4) The Supreme Court must also take the following matters into consideration when determining an application for the discharge of an order for detention under section 49:

(a) the reports of the medical practitioners (as directed and nominated under subsection (2)) provided to the Court;

30 (b) any relevant evidence or representations that the person may desire to put to the Court;

(c) a report provided to the Court by the Training Centre Review Board or Parole Board (as the case may be) in accordance with the direction of the Court for the purposes of assisting the Court to determine the application, including—

35 (i) any opinion that the relevant Board may have about the effect the discharge of the order may have on the safety of the community; and

(ii) a report as to the probable circumstances of the person if the order is discharged; and

40 (iii) the recommendation of the relevant Board about whether the order should be discharged;

(d) the reports resulting from the periodic reviews under section 49(14) on the progress and circumstances of the person tendered to the Court;

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- (e) any other report required by the Court under section 53;
  - (f) any other matter that the Court thinks relevant.
- (5) A copy of a report provided to the Supreme Court under subsection (4) must be given to each party to the proceedings or to counsel for those parties.

**51—Release on licence**

- (1) The Supreme Court may, on application by the DPP or the person, authorise the release on licence of a person detained in custody under this Division.
- (2) The Supreme Court must, before determining an application under this section for the release on licence of a person detained in custody under this Division, direct that at least 2 legally qualified medical practitioners (to be nominated by a prescribed authority for the purpose) inquire into the mental condition of the person and report to the Court on whether the person is incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, the person's sexual instincts.
- (3) The paramount consideration of the Supreme Court when determining an application under this section for the release on licence of a person detained in custody under this Division must be the safety of the community.
- (4) The Supreme Court must also take the following matters into consideration when determining an application under this section for the release on licence of a person detained in custody under this Division:
- (a) the reports of the medical practitioners (as directed and nominated under subsection (2)) provided to the Court;
  - (b) any relevant evidence or representations that the person may desire to put to the Court;
  - (c) a report provided to the Court by the appropriate board in accordance with the direction of the Court for the purposes of assisting the Court to determine the application, including—
    - (i) any opinion of the appropriate board on the effect that the release on licence of the person would have on the safety of the community; and
    - (ii) a report as to the probable circumstances of the person if the person is released on licence; and
    - (iii) the recommendation of the appropriate board as to whether the person should be released on licence;
  - (d) evidence tendered to the Court of the estimated costs directly related to the release of the person on licence;
  - (e) the reports resulting from the periodic reviews under section 49(14) on the progress and circumstances of the person tendered to the Court;
  - (f) any other report required by the Court under section 53;
  - (g) any other matter that the Court thinks relevant.
- (5) A copy of any report provided to the Supreme Court under subsection (4) must be given to each party to the proceedings or to counsel for those parties.

- (6) On the Supreme Court authorising the release of a person under subsection (1), the appropriate board must order the release of the person on licence on the day specified by the Court.
- (7) Subject to this Act, every release of a person on licence under this section is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) a condition prohibiting the person from possessing a firearm or ammunition or any part of a firearm;
  - (b) a condition requiring the person to submit to such tests (including testing without notice) for gunshot residue as may be reasonably required by a person or class of persons or body specified by the appropriate board.
- (8) Without limiting subsection (7), the release of a person on licence under this section will be subject to such conditions as the appropriate board thinks fit and specifies in the licence (including a condition that the person be monitored by use of an electronic device approved under section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*).
- (9) If the Supreme Court has refused a person's application for release on licence, the person may not further apply for release for a period of 6 months, or such lesser or greater period as the Court may have directed on refusing the application.
- (10) The appropriate board may—
- (a) on application by the DPP or the person, or of its own motion, vary or revoke a condition of a licence or impose further conditions; or
  - (b) on application by the DPP, or of its own motion, cancel the release of a person on licence, if satisfied that the person has contravened, or is likely to contravene, a condition of the licence.
- (11) A board cannot exercise its powers under subsection (10) of its own motion in relation to a person released on licence unless the person and the Crown have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to make submissions to the board on the matter, and the board has considered any submissions so made.
- (12) The appropriate board may only vary or revoke the conditions imposed by subsection (7) on the release of a person on licence if the board is satisfied that—
- (a) there are cogent reasons to do so; and
  - (b) the possession of a firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm by the person does not represent an undue risk to the safety of the public.
- (13) For the purposes of proceedings under subsection (10), a member of the appropriate board may—
- (a) summon the person the subject of the proceedings to appear before the board; or
  - (b) in the case of proceedings for cancellation of release—
    - (i) with the concurrence of a second member of the board—issue a warrant for the apprehension and detention of the person pending determination of the proceedings; or
    - (ii) apply to a justice for a warrant for the apprehension and detention of the person pending determination of the proceedings.

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- (14) If a person who has been summoned to appear before the appropriate board fails to attend in compliance with the summons, the board may—
- (a) determine the proceedings in the person's absence; or
  - (b) direct a member of the board to—
    - (i) issue a warrant; or
    - (ii) apply to a justice for a warrant,
 for the apprehension and detention of the person for the purpose of bringing the person before the board.
- (15) A member of the appropriate board may apply to a justice for a warrant for the apprehension and return to custody of a person whose release on licence has been cancelled by the board.
- (16) A justice must, on application under this section, issue a warrant for the apprehension and detention of a person or for the apprehension and return to custody of a person, as the case may require, unless it is apparent, on the face of the application, that no reasonable grounds exist for the issue of the warrant.
- (17) The appropriate board may, if it thinks good reason exists for doing so, cancel a warrant issued under this section at any time before its execution.
- (18) If a person who has been released on licence commits an offence while subject to that licence and is sentenced to imprisonment for the offence, the release on licence is, by virtue of this subsection, cancelled.
- (19) If a person has been subject to a licence under this section for a continuous period of 3 years, the order for the person's detention under this Division will, unless the Supreme Court, on application by the DPP, orders otherwise, be taken to have been discharged on the expiration of that period.
- (20) For the purposes of this section—
- the appropriate board*, in relation to proceedings under this section, means—
- (a) if the person the subject of the proceedings is being detained in a training centre, or has been released on licence from a training centre—the Training Centre Review Board;
  - (b) in any other case—the Parole Board.

**52—Appropriate board may direct person to surrender firearm etc**

- (1) The appropriate board may, in relation to the release of a person on licence under section 24 that is subject to the condition imposed by section 51(7)(a), direct the person to immediately surrender at a police station specified by the appropriate board any firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm owned or possessed by the person.
- (2) A person who refuses or fails to comply with a direction under subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.
- Maximum penalty: \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
- (3) No criminal liability attaches to a person to the extent that the person is complying with a direction under this section.

- (4) The Commissioner of Police must deal with any surrendered firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm in accordance with the scheme set out in the regulations.
- (5) No compensation is payable by the Crown or any other person in respect of the exercise of a function or power under this section.
- 5 (6) The regulations may provide for the payment, recovery or waiver of fees in respect of this section.
- (7) In this section—  
*appropriate board* has the same meaning as in section 51.

### 53—Court may obtain reports

- 10 (1) A court may, for the purpose of obtaining assistance in making a determination under this Division, require the Parole Board, the Training Centre Review Board or any other body or person to provide the court with a report on any matter.
- (2) A copy of any report provided to a court under subsection (1) must be given to each party to the proceedings or to counsel for those parties.

### 15 54—Inquiries by medical practitioners

If, for the purposes of this Division, the Supreme Court directs that at least 2 legally qualified medical practitioners (to be nominated by a prescribed authority) inquire into the mental condition of a person and report to the Court on whether the person is incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, the person's sexual instincts, each  
20 medical practitioner so nominated—

- (a) must carry out an independent personal examination of the person; and
- (b) may have access to any evidence before the court by which the person was convicted; and
- 25 (c) may obtain the assistance of a psychologist, social worker, community corrections officer or any other person.

### 55—Parties

Both the DPP and the person to whom an application under this Division relates are parties to the application.

### 56—Service on guardian

30 If the person to whom an application under this Division relates is under 18 years of age, a copy of the application must be served on a guardian of the child, unless—

- (a) it is not practicable to do so; or
- (b) the whereabouts of all of the guardians of the child cannot, after reasonable inquiries, be ascertained.

### 35 57—Appeals

- (1) An appeal lies to the Full Court against—
- (a) a decision of the Supreme Court on an application to discharge an order for detention under this Division;

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(b) a decision of the Supreme Court on an application to release a person on licence under this Division;

(c) a decision of the Supreme Court on an application by the DPP under section 51(19).

5 (2) An appeal under this section may be instituted by the DPP or by the person to whom the particular decision relates.

(3) Subject to a contrary order of the Full Court, an appeal cannot be commenced after 10 days from the date of the decision against which the appeal lies.

(4) On an appeal, the Full Court may—

10 (a) confirm, reverse or annul the decision subject to appeal;

(b) make any order that it considers should have been made in the first instance;

(c) make any consequential or ancillary orders.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), if—

(a) the Supreme Court decides—

15 (i) to discharge an order for detention under this Division; or

(ii) to release a person on licence under this Division; or

(iii) to refuse an application by the DPP under section 51(19); and

(b) counsel appearing on behalf of the DPP gives immediate notice that an appeal against the decision will be instituted,

20 the decision has no force or effect pending the outcome of the appeal.

(6) If the DPP gives notice under subsection (5) of an appeal against a decision of the Supreme Court but then a person acting on behalf of the DPP subsequently files with the Supreme Court a notice that the DPP does not desire to proceed with the appeal, the decision will take effect.

## 25 **58—Proclamations**

The Governor may, by proclamation, vary or revoke a proclamation under this Division.

## **59—Regulations**

The Governor may make regulations—

30 (a) providing for the care, treatment, rights and duties of a person detained in custody under this Division in consequence of being found to be incapable of controlling the person's sexual instincts;

(b) providing for the granting of periods of leave for a person so detained;

(c) providing for any other related matter.

**Division 6—Community based custodial sentences****Subdivision 1—Home detention****60—Home detention orders**

- (1) Subject to this section, if—
- 5 (a) a court has imposed a sentence of imprisonment on a defendant; and
- (b) the court considers that the sentence should not be suspended under Part 4 Division 1; and
- (c) the court considers that the defendant is a suitable person to serve the sentence on home detention,
- 10 the court may suspend the sentence under this Subdivision and order that the defendant serve the sentence on home detention (a *home detention order*).
- (2) A home detention order—
- (a) must not be made—
- 15 (i) unless the court is satisfied that the residence the court proposes to specify in its order is suitable and available for the detention of the defendant and the defendant will be properly maintained and cared for while detained in that place; or
- (ii) if the defendant is being sentenced to a sentence of imprisonment that is to be served cumulatively on another term of imprisonment, or concurrently with another term of imprisonment then being served, or about to be served, by the defendant; and
- 20 (b) should not be made if the court is not satisfied that adequate resources exist for the proper monitoring of the defendant while on home detention by a home detention officer.
- (3) The paramount consideration of the court when determining whether to make a home detention order must be the safety of the community.
- (4) The court must also take the following matters into consideration when determining whether to make a home detention order:
- (a) the impact that the home detention order is likely to have on—
- 30 (i) any victim of the offence for which the defendant is being sentenced; and
- (ii) any spouse or domestic partner of the defendant; and
- (iii) any person residing at the residence at which the prisoner would, if released, be required to reside;
- 35 (b) any report ordered by the court from the CE or any other person or body for the purpose of assisting the court in determining whether to make a home detention order;
- (c) any other matter the court thinks relevant.

**61—Conditions of home detention order**

- (1) A home detention order is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) a condition requiring the person subject to the order to remain at the residence specified by the court throughout the period of the home detention order and not to leave that residence at any time during that period except for the following purposes:
    - (i) remunerated employment;
    - (ii) urgent medical or dental treatment for the defendant;
    - (iii) attendance at a course of education, training or instruction or any other activity as required by the court or as approved or directed by the home detention officer to whom the defendant is assigned;
    - (iv) any other purpose approved or directed by the home detention officer;
  - (b) a condition requiring the person to be of good behaviour;
  - (c) a condition requiring the person to be under the supervision of a home detention officer;
  - (d) a condition requiring the person to obey the lawful directions of the home detention officer to whom the person is assigned;
  - (e) a condition prohibiting the person from possessing a firearm or ammunition or any part of a firearm;
  - (f) a condition relating to the use of drugs by the person other than for therapeutic purposes; and
  - (g) a condition requiring the person to submit to such tests (including testing without notice)—
    - (i) for gunshot residue; or
    - (ii) relating to drug use,as a home detention officer may reasonably require;
  - (h) a condition that the defendant be monitored by use of an electronic device approved under section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*; and
  - (i) such other conditions as the court thinks appropriate and specifies in the order.
- (2) A person subject to a home detention order will, unless the home detention order is earlier revoked, remain on home detention—
- (a) in the case of a person subject to a non-parole period—until the person is released on parole; or
  - (b) in the case of any other person—in accordance with Part 4 Division 7 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the court may vary or revoke a condition imposed under this section.

- (4) The court may only vary or revoke the conditions imposed by subsection (1)(e) and (g)(i) if the court is satisfied, by evidence given on oath, that—
- (a) there are cogent reasons to do so; and
  - (b) the possession of a firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm by the person does not represent an undue risk to the safety of the public.

## 62—Orders that court may make on breach of condition of home detention order etc

- (1) Subject to this section, if the court that imposed a home detention order on a person is satisfied that—
- (a) a person subject to a home detention order has breached a condition of the order; or
  - (b) the residence specified by the court at which the person is required to remain throughout the period of the home detention order is no longer suitable for the person and no other suitable residence is available for the person's detention,
- the court must revoke the home detention order and order that the sentence that the person was serving on home detention be served in custody.
- (2) Despite subsection (1)(a), if the court is satisfied that the failure of the person to comply with the conditions of the home detention order was trivial or that there are proper grounds on which the failure should be excused, the court—
- (a) may refrain from revoking the order; and
  - (b) may impose a further condition on, or revoke or vary a condition of, the order.
- (3) A person subject to a home detention order is not in breach of a condition requiring the person to remain at the person's residence if the person leaves the residence for the purpose of averting or minimising a serious risk of death or injury (either to the person or some other person).
- (4) If a court revokes a home detention order and orders that the relevant sentence be served in custody under subsection (1), the court—
- (a) may direct that the following periods be counted as part of the term of the sentence:
    - (i) the period of compliance by the person with the conditions of the home detention order;
    - (ii) the period spent by the person in custody or on home detention pending determination of the proceedings under this section; and
  - (b) may, if it considers that there are special circumstances justifying it in so doing, reduce the term of the sentence of imprisonment; and
  - (c) may direct that the sentence be cumulative on any other sentence, or sentences, of imprisonment then being served, or to be served, by the person.

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(5) The court may, if it thinks it is necessary to do so for the purpose of proceedings under this section—

(a) issue a summons to a person subject to a home detention order requiring the person to appear before the court at the time and place specified in the summons; or

(b) issue a warrant for the person's arrest.

(6) If a person fails to appear before the court as required by a summons issued under this section, the court may issue a warrant for the person's arrest.

(7) If a person is arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under this section, the person must be brought before the court or the Magistrates Court not later than the next working day and may be remanded in custody or released on bail pending determination of the proceedings.

(8) A warrant issued under this section authorises the detention of the person in custody pending appearance before the court.

(9) The obligations of a person subject to a home detention order are suspended during any period the person is in custody.

(10) If a person subject to a home detention order is found guilty of an offence by a court of a superior jurisdiction to that of the court that made the order, being an offence committed during the period of the home detention order, any proceedings for breach of condition arising out of the offence are to be taken in the court of superior jurisdiction.

(11) If a person subject to a home detention order is found guilty of an offence by a court of an inferior jurisdiction to that of the court that made the order, being an offence committed during the period of the home detention order, the court of inferior jurisdiction must—

(a) sentence the person for the offence and remand the person to the court that made the home detention order to be dealt with for breach of condition of the order; or

(b) remand the person to the court that made the home detention order to be sentenced for the offence and dealt with for breach of condition of the order.

(12) The court dealing with a person for breach of condition of a home detention order must hear any evidence adduced tending to establish that the person has failed to comply with a condition of the order and any evidence or representations that the person may wish to adduce or make in reply.

(13) In this section—

*court of an inferior jurisdiction* means—

(a) if the court that made the home detention order is the Supreme Court—the District Court or the Magistrates Court;

(b) if the court that made the home detention order is the District Court—the Magistrates Court;

*court of a superior jurisdiction* means—

(a) if the court that made the home detention order is the Magistrates Court—the Supreme Court or the District Court;

- (b) if the court that made the home detention order is the District Court—the Supreme Court.

### **63—Court to provide CE with copy of home detention order**

If a home detention order is made in respect of a person, or the order or conditions of the order are varied or revoked, or a further order is made in respect of the person, the court must notify the CE of the terms of the order, variation, revocation or further order, as the case may require.

### **64—CE must assign home detention officer**

- (1) The CE must, on receiving a copy of a home detention order (and may after then from time to time) assign the person to whom the order relates to a home detention officer.
- (2) The CE must ensure that the person is notified in writing of the name of the home detention officer to whom the person has been assigned and, if necessary, of the place and time at which the person must first report to that officer.
- (3) It is the duty of a home detention officer to endeavour to ensure that any person assigned to the officer complies with the conditions of the order.

### **65—Powers of home detention officers**

- (1) A home detention officer may, at any time—
- (a) enter or telephone the residence of a person to whom the officer has been assigned; or
- (b) telephone the person's place of employment or any other place at which the person is permitted or required to attend; or
- (c) question any person who is at that residence or place as to the whereabouts of the person to whom the officer has been assigned,
- for the purposes of ascertaining whether or not the person is complying with a condition of the home detention order.
- (2) A person must not—
- (a) hinder a home detention officer in the exercise of powers under this section; or
- (b) fail to answer truthfully any question put to the person by a home detention officer under those powers.

Maximum penalty: \$2 500.

### **66—Apprehension and detention of person subject to home detention order without warrant**

- (1) If the CE suspects on reasonable grounds that a person subject to a home detention order has breached a condition of the order, the person may be apprehended, without warrant, by a police officer or home detention officer and detained in custody for the purposes of proceedings relating to the suspected breach under section 62 before the court that imposed the order.
- (2) Section 62(7) to (9) (inclusive) apply to a person apprehended under this section as if the person were arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under section 62.

**67—Offence to contravene or fail to comply with condition of home detention order**

A person subject to a home detention order who contravenes or fails to comply with a condition of the order is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

**Subdivision 2—Intensive correction****68—Intensive correction orders**

- (1) Subject to this section, if—
- (a) a court has imposed a sentence of imprisonment on a defendant of a term that is 2 years or less; and
  - (b) the court considers that the sentence should not be suspended under Part 4 Division 1; and
  - (c) the court determines that there is good reason for the defendant to serve the sentence in the community while subject to intensive correction,
- the court may order that the defendant serve the sentence in the community while subject to intensive correction (an *intensive correction order*).
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c), the court may determine that, even though a custodial sentence is warranted and there is a moderate to high risk of the defendant re-offending, any rehabilitation achieved during the period that would be spent in prison is likely to be limited compared to the likely rehabilitative effect if the defendant were to spend that period in the community instead while subject to intensive correction.
- (3) An intensive correction order—
- (a) must not be made if the defendant is being sentenced to a sentence of imprisonment that is to be served cumulatively on another term of imprisonment, or concurrently with another term of imprisonment then being served, or about to be served, by the defendant; and
  - (b) should not be made if the court is not satisfied that adequate resources exist for the proper monitoring of the defendant while subject to an intensive correction order by a community corrections officer.
- (4) The paramount consideration of the court when determining whether to make an intensive correction order must be the safety of the community.
- (5) The court must also take the following matters into consideration when determining whether to make an intensive correction order:
- (a) the impact that the intensive correction order is likely to have on—
    - (i) any victim of the offence for which the defendant is being sentenced; and
    - (ii) any spouse or domestic partner of the defendant; and
    - (iii) any person residing at the residence at which the defendant may, if released, reside;

- (b) any report ordered by the court from the CE or any other person or body for the purpose of assisting the court in determining whether to make an intensive correction order;
- (c) any other matter the court thinks relevant.

5 **69—Conditions of intensive correction order**

(1) An intensive correction order is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a condition requiring the person to be of good behaviour;
- (b) a condition requiring the person to be under the supervision of a community corrections order;
- 10 (c) a condition requiring the person to obey the lawful directions of the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned;
- (d) a condition requiring the person to report to a specified place not later than 2 working days after the date of the order unless, within that period, the defendant receives a notice from the CE to the contrary;
- 15 (e) a condition prohibiting the person from possessing a firearm or ammunition or any part of a firearm;
- (f) a condition requiring the person to submit to such tests (including testing without notice) for gunshot residue as a community corrections officer may reasonably require;
- 20 (g) a condition that the person undergo assessment or treatment (or both) relating to the person's mental or physical condition;
- (h) a condition requiring the person to report to the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned any change of address or employment, not later than 2 working days after the date of the change;
- 25 (i) a condition that the person must not leave the State for any reason except in accordance with the written permission of the CE;
- (j) if the defendant is unemployed—a condition requiring the person to perform a specified number of hours of community work;
- (k) a condition requiring the person to comply with the following:
  - 30 (i) regulations made for the purposes of this section;
  - (ii) the lawful directions of the CE;
- (l) such other conditions as the court thinks appropriate and specifies in the order.

35 (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1)(l), an intensive correction order may (for example) be subject to any of the following conditions:

- (a) a condition that the person subject to the order reside at specified premises;
- (b) a condition that the defendant be monitored by use of an electronic device approved under section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;
- 40 (c) a condition requiring the defendant to abstain from drugs of a specified class or from alcohol;

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- (d) a condition requiring the defendant to undertake an intervention program;
- (e) a condition requiring the person to submit to such tests (including testing without notice) relating to drug use, as a community corrections officer may reasonably require;
- 5 (f) a condition that the person contribute financially to any course or treatment program that the person is required to undertake;
- (g) any other condition that the court thinks fit.
- (3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1)(k)(ii), the CE may (for example) direct the person subject to the order to do 1 or more of the following during the
- 10 period of the order:
- (a) reside at specified premises;
- (b) be monitored (for a period not exceeding 28 days) by use of an electronic device approved under section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982*;
- 15 (c) submit to such tests (including testing without notice) relating to drug use, as a community corrections officer may reasonably require;
- (d) if the defendant is unemployed—perform a specified number of hours of community work per week (which must be at least 12 hours but not more than 20 hours per week).
- (4) A person subject to an intensive correction order will, unless the intensive correction order is earlier revoked, remain subject to intensive correction in the community until the expiry of the order.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), the court may vary or revoke a condition imposed under this section.
- 25 (6) The court may only vary or revoke the conditions imposed by subsection (1)(e) and (f) if the court is satisfied, by evidence given on oath, that—
- (a) there are cogent reasons to do so; and
- (b) the possession of a firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm by the person does not represent an undue risk to the safety of the public.

### 70—Orders that court may make on breach of condition of intensive correction order etc

- 30 (1) Subject to this section, if the court that imposed an intensive correction order on a person is satisfied that a person subject to an intensive correction order has breached a condition of the order, the court must revoke the intensive correction order and order that the sentence of imprisonment the person was serving in the community be carried
- 35 into effect.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), if the court is satisfied that the failure of the person to comply with the conditions of the intensive correction order was trivial or that there are proper grounds on which the failure should be excused, the court—
- (a) may refrain from revoking the order; and
- 40 (b) may vary the order (including by extending the term of the order but not so that the order would exceed in aggregate a period of 2 years); and

- (c) may impose a further condition on, or revoke or vary a condition of, the order.
- (3) If a court revokes an intensive correction order and orders that the relevant sentence of imprisonment be carried into effect under subsection (1), the court—
- 5 (a) may direct that the following periods be counted as part of the term of the sentence:
- (i) the period of compliance by the person with the conditions of the intensive correction order;
- 10 (ii) the period spent by the person in custody or in the community subject to intensive correction pending determination of the proceedings under this section; and
- (b) may, if it considers that there are special circumstances justifying it in so doing, reduce the term of the sentence of imprisonment; and
- (c) may direct that the sentence be cumulative on any other sentence, or
- 15 sentences, of imprisonment then being served, or to be served, by the person.
- (4) The court may, if it thinks it is necessary to do so for the purpose of proceedings under this section—
- (a) issue a summons to a person subject to an intensive correction order requiring
- 20 the person to appear before the court at the time and place specified in the summons; or
- (b) issue a warrant for the person's arrest.
- (5) If a person fails to appear before the court as required by a summons issued under this section, the court may issue a warrant for the person's arrest.
- (6) If a person is arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under this section, the person must
- 25 be brought before the court or the Magistrates Court not later than the next working day and may be remanded in custody or released on bail pending determination of the proceedings.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section authorises the detention of the person in custody pending appearance before the court.
- (8) The obligations of a person subject to an intensive correction order are suspended
- 30 during any period the person is in custody.
- (9) If a person subject to an intensive correction order is found guilty of an offence by a court of a superior jurisdiction to that of the court that made the order, being an
- 35 offence committed during the period of the intensive correction order, any proceedings for breach of condition arising out of the offence are to be taken in the court of superior jurisdiction.
- (10) If a person subject to an intensive correction order is found guilty of an offence by a court of an inferior jurisdiction to that of the court that made the order, being an
- 40 offence committed during the period of the intensive correction order, the court of inferior jurisdiction must—
- (a) sentence the person for the offence and remand the person to the court that made the intensive correction order to be dealt with for breach of condition of the order; or

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(b) remand the person to the court that made the intensive correction order to be sentenced for the offence and dealt with for breach of condition of the order.

(11) The court dealing with a person for breach of condition of an intensive correction order must hear any evidence adduced tending to establish that the person has failed to comply with a condition of the order and any evidence or representations that the person may wish to adduce or make in reply.

(12) In this section—

*court of an inferior jurisdiction* means—

(a) if the court that made the intensive correction order is the Supreme Court—the District Court or the Magistrates Court;

(b) if the court that made the intensive correction order is the District Court—the Magistrates Court;

*court of a superior jurisdiction* means—

(a) if the court that made the intensive correction order is the Magistrates Court—the Supreme Court or the District Court;

(b) if the court that made the intensive correction order is the District Court—the Supreme Court.

**71—Court to provide CE with copy of intensive correction order**

If an intensive correction order is made in respect of a person, or the order or conditions of the order are varied or revoked, or a further order is made in respect of the person, the court must notify the CE of the terms of the order, variation, revocation or further order, as the case may require.

**72—CE must assign community corrections officer**

(1) The CE must, on receiving a copy of an intensive correction order (and may after then from time to time) assign the person to whom the order relates to a community corrections officer.

(2) The CE must ensure that the person is notified in writing of the name of the community corrections officer to whom the person has been assigned and, if necessary, of the place and time at which the person must first report to that officer.

(3) It is the duty of a community corrections officer to endeavour to ensure that any person assigned to the officer complies with the conditions of order.

**73—Provisions relating to community service**

(1) The following provisions apply to an intensive correction order that includes a condition requiring the performance of community service:

(a) the court must specify the number of hours of community service to be performed by the person to whom the sentence relates, being not less than 15 or more than 300;

(b) the court must not specify a number of hours of community service to be performed by a person who is already performing, or is liable to perform, community service, where the aggregate of that number and the number of hours previously specified would exceed 300;

- (c) the court must specify a period, not exceeding 18 months, within which the community service is to be performed;
- (d) the person is required to report to a specified place not later than 2 working days after the date of the order unless, within that period, the person receives a notice from the CE to the contrary;
- (e) the person is required to perform community service for not less than 4 hours each week and on such day, or days, as the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned may direct;
- (f) the person may not, except in circumstances approved by the Minister for Correctional Services, be required to perform community service for a continuous period exceeding 7.5 hours;
- (g) if on any day a period of community service is to exceed 4 continuous hours, the next hour must be a meal break;
- (h) the person may not be required to perform community service at a time that would interfere with the person's remunerated employment or with a course of training or instruction relating to, or likely to assist the person to obtain, remunerated employment, or that would cause unreasonable disruption of the person's commitments in caring for the person's dependants;
- (i) the person may not be required to perform community service at a time that would cause the person to offend against a rule of a religion that the person practises;
- (j) the attendance of the person at any educational or recreational course of instruction approved by the Minister for Correctional Services will be taken to be performance of community service;
- (k) the person will not be remunerated for the performance of community service under the order;
- (l) the person must obey the lawful directions of the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned.
- (2) This section does not apply in relation to the performance of community service by a youth.

#### **74—Court to be notified if suitable community service placement not available**

- (1) If the CE, on being notified that a court has included in an intensive correction order a condition requiring the performance of community service, is of the opinion that suitable community service work cannot be found for the defendant because of the defendant's physical or mental disability, the CE must notify the court in writing of that fact.
- (2) On receiving a notification under subsection (1), the court may revoke the condition or discharge the intensive correction order (as the case may be) and may require the defendant to appear before the court for further order.

**75—Community corrections officer to give reasonable directions**

- (1) A community corrections officer responsible for supervising a person in the community under this Subdivision—
- 5 (a) must give reasonable directions to the person requiring the person to report to the officer on a regular basis; and
- (b) may give reasonable directions to the person—
- 10 (i) requiring the person to notify the officer of any change in the person's place of residence or employment; or
- (ii) requiring the person to reside, or not to reside, in any particular place or area or with any particular person; or
- (iii) requiring the person to take up, or not to take up, any particular employment, to be punctual in reporting to work or not to give up some particular employment; and
- 15 (c) may give the person other directions of a kind authorised by the Minister for Correctional Services, either generally or in relation to that person.
- (2) If the person is required to perform community service, the community corrections officer may also give reasonable directions to the person—
- 20 (a) requiring the person to report to a community service centre or other place at certain times; or
- (b) requiring the person to perform certain projects or tasks as community service; or
- (c) requiring the person to undertake or participate in courses of instruction at a community service centre or other place; or
- 25 (d) requiring the person to behave in a particular manner while undertaking community service.

**76—Power of Minister in relation to default in performance of community service**

- 30 (1) If the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that a person who is required to perform community service has failed to obey a direction given by the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned, the Minister, instead of commencing proceedings for breach of order, may, by notice in writing served personally, increase the number of hours of community service that the person is required to perform.
- 35 (2) If the Minister increases the hours of community service to be performed under a condition of an intensive correction order, the order will be taken to have been amended accordingly.
- 40 (3) The number of hours of community service may not be increased under subsection (1) by more than 24 in aggregate, but such an increase may be made despite the fact that its effect is to increase the total number of hours to be performed beyond the normal limit.

- 5 (4) If the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that a person has failed to comply with a condition of an intensive correction order requiring performance of community service, the Minister may, by notice in writing served personally or by post, suspend the operation of the order until proceedings for breach of the intensive correction order have been determined.

### 77—Apprehension and detention of person subject to intensive correction order without warrant

- 10 (1) If the CE suspects on reasonable grounds that a person subject to an intensive correction order has breached a condition of the order, the person may be apprehended, without warrant, by a police officer or community corrections officer and detained in custody for the purposes of proceedings relating to the suspected breach under section 70 before the court that imposed the order.
- (2) Section 70(7) to (9) (inclusive) apply to a person apprehended under this section as if the person were arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under section 70.

### 15 78—Offence to contravene or fail to comply with condition of intensive correction order

A person subject to an intensive correction order who contravenes or fails to comply with a condition of the order is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$2 500 or imprisonment for 6 months.

### 20 Subdivision 3—General

### 79—Court may direct person to surrender firearm etc

- (1) This section applies to the following persons:
- (a) a person subject to a home detention order under Subdivision 1;
  - (b) a person subject to an intensive correction order under Subdivision 2.
- 25 (2) A court may, when imposing a sentence on a person to whom this section applies, direct the person to immediately surrender at a police station specified by the court any firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm owned or possessed by the person.
- (3) No criminal liability attaches to a person to the extent that the person is complying with a direction under this section.
- 30 (4) The Commissioner of Police must deal with any surrendered firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm in accordance with the scheme set out in the regulations.
- (5) No compensation is payable by the Crown or any other person in respect of the exercise of a function or power under this section.
- 35 (6) The regulations may provide for the payment, recovery or waiver of fees in respect of this section.

## Division 7—Effect of imprisonment for contempt

### 80—Effect of imprisonment for contempt

If a person is imprisoned for contempt of court—

- (a) any sentence of imprisonment that the person has not yet begun to serve (and any non-parole period in respect of that sentence) will not commence until the expiry of the period of imprisonment for contempt; and
- (b) any sentence of imprisonment that the person is then serving (and any non-parole period in respect of that sentence) ceases to run for the period of imprisonment for contempt.

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#### 81—Interpretation and application of Division

(1) In this Division—

*probative court* means—

- (a) in the case of a bond entered into under an order of an appellate court on an appeal against sentence—the court that imposed that sentence;
- (b) in any other case—the court that made the order under which the defendant entered into the bond.

(2) The powers vested in a court by this Division—

- (a) are exercisable despite the fact that an Act prescribes a minimum penalty; but
- (b) are not exercisable in relation to—
  - (i) murder or treason; or
  - (ii) any other offence in respect of which an Act expressly prohibits the reduction, mitigation or substitution of penalties or sentences.

(3) In subsection (2)—

*Act* includes a statutory instrument.

#### 82—Suspension of imprisonment on defendant entering into bond

(1) Subject to this section, if a court has imposed a sentence of imprisonment on a defendant, the court may, if it thinks that good reason exists for doing so, suspend the sentence on condition that the defendant enter into a bond—

- (a) to be of good behaviour; and
- (b) to comply with the other conditions (if any) of the bond.

- (2) A sentence of imprisonment may not be suspended under this section if the defendant is being sentenced—
- (a) to a sentence of imprisonment that is to be served cumulatively on another term of imprisonment, or concurrently with another term of imprisonment then being served, or about to be served, by the defendant; or
  - (b) as an adult to a period of imprisonment of 2 years or more for a prescribed designated offence; or
  - (c) as an adult for a serious and organised crime offence or specified offence against police; or
  - (d) as an adult for a designated offence and, during the 5 year period immediately preceding the date on which the relevant offence was committed, a court has suspended a sentence of imprisonment or period of detention imposed on the defendant for a designated offence.
- (3) Despite subsection (2)(a), if the period of imprisonment to which a defendant is liable under 1 or more sentences is more than 3 months but less than 1 year, the sentencing court may, by order—
- (a) direct that the defendant serve a specified period (being not less than 1 month) of the imprisonment in prison; and
  - (b) suspend the remainder of the sentence on condition that the defendant enter into a bond of a kind described in subsection (1) that will have effect on the defendant's release from prison.
- (4) Despite subsection (2)(b), if a defendant is being sentenced as an adult to a period of imprisonment of 2 years or more for a prescribed designated offence, the sentencing court may, by order—
- (a) direct that the defendant serve a specified period of the imprisonment in prison (which, if a non-parole period has been fixed in respect of the defendant, must be a period that is one-fifth of the non-parole period fixed); and
  - (b) suspend the remainder of the sentence on condition that the defendant enter into a bond of a kind described in subsection (1) that will have effect on the defendant's release from prison.
- (5) Despite subsection (2)(c) and (d), the court may, if satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist for doing so—
- (a) suspend a sentence of imprisonment imposed on a defendant for a serious and organised crime offence or specified offence against police, or for a designated offence in the circumstances described in subsection (2)(d), on condition that the defendant enter into a bond of a kind described in subsection (1); or
  - (b) make an order under subsection (3) in respect of a defendant being sentenced for a serious and organised crime offence or specified offence against police, or for a designated offence in the circumstances described in subsection (2)(d), if the period of imprisonment to which the defendant is liable under 1 or more sentences is more than 3 months but less than 1 year.

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(6) If the court suspends a sentence of imprisonment under this section on the ground that, because of the defendant's ill health, disability or frailty, it would be unduly harsh for the defendant to serve any time in prison, the court may, in addition to any other conditions included in the bond, include a condition (a *home detention condition*) requiring the defendant to reside in a specified place and to remain at that place for a specified period of no more than 12 months, not leaving it except for 1 of the following purposes:

- (a) remunerated employment;
- (b) necessary medical or dental treatment for the defendant;
- (c) averting or minimising a serious risk of death or injury (whether to the defendant or some other person);
- (d) any other purpose approved or directed by the community corrections officer to whom the defendant is assigned,

(and if the court includes a home detention condition it must also include a condition requiring the defendant to be under the supervision of a community corrections officer for at least the same period).

(7) If a probationer under a bond entered into under this section complies with the conditions of the bond, the sentence of imprisonment is, on the expiration of the bond, wholly extinguished.

(8) In this section—

*designated offence* means any of the following offences under the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*:

- (a) an offence under section 12, 12A, 13 or 13A;
- (b) an offence under section 19;
- (c) an offence under section 19AA;
- (d) an offence under section 19AC;
- (e) an offence under section 19A;
- (f) an offence under section 23 or 24;
- (g) an offence under section 29A;
- (h) an offence under section 39;
- (i) an offence under section 48, 48A, 49, 50, 56, 58 or 59;
- (j) an offence under section 137;
- (k) an offence under section 170;
- (l) an offence under section 270B if the offence against the person to which that section applies is a relevant offence referred to in a preceding paragraph;

*prescribed designated offence* means an offence under section 13 or 23 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*;

*serious and organised crime offence* means—

- (a) any of the following offences under the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*:

- (i) an offence under section 83E;
- (ii) an aggravated offence under section 172 or 251, where the aggravating circumstances of the offence are the circumstances referred to in section 5AA(1)(ga)(i) or (ii) of that Act;
- 5 (iii) an offence under section 244 or 245; or
- (b) any of the following offences under the *Controlled Substances Act 1984*:
  - (i) an offence under section 32(1);
  - (ii) an aggravated offence under section 32(2), 32(2a) or 32(3);
  - (iii) an offence under section 33(1);
  - 10 (iv) an aggravated offence under section 33(2) or 33(3);
  - (v) an aggravated offence under section 33A(1), 33A(2), 33A(3), 33A(4) or 33A(5);

*specified offence against police* means—

- 15 (a) an aggravated offence under section 23(1) or 23(3) of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* where the aggravating circumstances of the offence are the circumstances referred to in section 5AA(1)(c) of that Act and the victim is a police officer; or
- (b) an offence of attempted murder or attempted manslaughter under the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* where the victim is a police officer and  
20 the offender committed the offence—
  - (i) knowing the victim to be acting in the course of the victim's official duty; or
  - (ii) in retribution for something the offender knows or believes to have been done by the victim in the course of the victim's official duty.

### 25 **83—Discharge without sentence on defendant entering into bond**

- (1) If a court finds a person guilty of an offence the court may, if it thinks that good reason exists for doing so, discharge the defendant with or without recording a conviction and without imposing a penalty, on condition that the defendant enter into  
30 a bond—
  - (a) to be of good behaviour; and
  - (b) to comply with the other conditions (if any) included in the bond; and
  - (c) if the terms of the bond so require, to appear before the court for sentence, or conviction and sentence, if the defendant fails during the term of the bond to comply with a condition of the bond.
- 35 (2) However, if the defendant is not to be so required to appear before the court, the court cannot impose any conditions under subsection (1)(b).
- (3) If a defendant is discharged under this section—
  - (a) no fresh prosecution may be commenced in respect of the offence; and

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- (b) the defendant will only be liable to sentence, or conviction and sentence, if the defendant fails to comply with a condition of the bond and the terms of the bond require the defendant to appear before the court for sentencing in that event.

**84—Term of bond**

Subject to this Act, a bond under this Division is effective for such term, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the bond.

**85—Guarantors**

- (1) If the court thinks it appropriate—

- (a) a bond under this Division may oblige the defendant to pay a sum specified in the bond in the event of non-compliance with a condition of the bond; and
- (b) the court may require the defendant to find 1 or more guarantors of such an obligation.

- (2) A court—

- (a) may require a defendant to find 1 or more persons to guarantee the defendant's compliance with the conditions of the bond; and
- (b) if such a requirement is made, must specify the amount that any such guarantor will be liable to pay in the event of the defendant's non-compliance with a condition of the bond.

**86—Conditions of bond**

- (1) Subject to this Act, every bond under section 82 is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a condition prohibiting the defendant from possessing a firearm or ammunition or any part of a firearm;
- (b) a condition requiring the defendant to submit to such tests (including testing without notice) for gunshot residue as may be reasonably required by a person or class of persons or body specified by the court.

- (2) Subject to this Act and without limiting subsection (1), a bond under this Act may include such of the following conditions as the court thinks appropriate and directs be included:

- (a) a condition requiring the defendant to be under the supervision of a community corrections officer for a specified period;
- (b) a condition requiring the defendant to reside with a specified person or in a specified place or area;
- (c) a condition requiring the defendant not to reside with a specified person or in a specified place or area;
- (d) a condition requiring the defendant to perform a specified number of hours of community service;
- (e) a condition requiring the defendant to undertake an intervention program;
- (f) a condition requiring the defendant to undergo medical or psychiatric treatment in accordance with the terms of the bond;

- (g) a condition requiring the defendant to abstain from drugs of a specified class or from alcohol;
  - (h) a condition requiring the defendant—
    - (i) to restore misappropriated property to any person apparently entitled to possession of it; or
    - (ii) to pay compensation of a specified amount to any person for injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence;
  - (i) a condition requiring the defendant to attend and complete, within the term of the bond or such lesser period as the court may specify, a specified education program approved by the Attorney-General for the offence of which the defendant has been found guilty;
  - (j) any other condition that the court thinks appropriate.
- (3) A court must not include a condition (whether under this or any other section) requiring the defendant to reside with a specified person or in a specified place unless the court is satisfied that accommodation is available for the defendant with that person or in that place and that the accommodation is suitable in all the circumstances.
- (4) A court must not include a condition requiring the defendant to undergo specified medical or psychiatric treatment unless it is satisfied that treatment of the nature specified in the bond has been recommended for the defendant by a legally qualified medical practitioner and is available to the defendant.
- (5) The following provisions apply in relation to an education program approved or to be approved for the purposes of this section:
- (a) the Attorney-General may approve such a program unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Attorney-General thinks fit and specifies in the instrument of approval; and
  - (b) the Attorney-General may, by written notice to the program provider, revoke an approval or vary the conditions of an approval; and
  - (c) any fees for undertaking an approved education program are to be borne by the defendant, subject to any relief from payment given by the program provider in accordance with conditions imposed by the Attorney-General under this subsection.
- (6) Before the court imposes a condition requiring a defendant to undertake an intervention program, the court must satisfy itself that—
- (a) the defendant is eligible for the services to be included on the program in accordance with applicable eligibility criteria (if any); and
  - (b) the services are available for the defendant at a suitable time and place.
- (7) The court may make appropriate orders for assessment of a defendant to determine—
- (a) a form of intervention program that is appropriate for the defendant; and
  - (b) the defendant's eligibility for the services included on the program,
- and may release the defendant on bail on condition that the defendant undertake the assessment as ordered.

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- (8) A certificate apparently signed by—
- (a) an intervention program manager as to—
    - (i) whether the services to be included on an intervention program are available for a particular person and, if so, when and where they will be available; or
    - (ii) whether a particular person is eligible for the services to be included on the program; or
  - (b) a case manager as to whether a particular person has complied with conditions regulating the person's participation in an intervention program,
- is admissible as evidence of the matter so certified.

**87—Court may direct person to surrender firearm etc**

- (1) A probative court may, in relation to a bond that is subject to the condition imposed by section 86(1)(a), direct the probationer to immediately surrender at a police station specified by the court any firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm owned or possessed by the probationer.
- (2) No criminal liability attaches to a person to the extent that the person is complying with a direction under this section.
- (3) The Commissioner of Police must deal with any surrendered firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm in accordance with the scheme set out in the regulations.
- (4) No compensation is payable by the Crown or any other person in respect of the exercise of a function or power under this section.
- (5) The regulations may provide for the payment, recovery or waiver of fees in respect of this section.

**88—Provisions relating to supervision of probationers in community**

If a court makes an order, or includes a condition in a bond, requiring the person to whom the order or bond relates to be under the supervision of a community corrections officer, the following provisions apply:

- (a) the court must, in the case of a probationer, specify the period during which the probationer is to be under supervision;
- (b) except in the case of a bond with a home detention condition—the person is required to report to a specified place not later than 2 working days after the date of the order or bond unless, within that period, the defendant receives a notice from the CE to the contrary;
- (c) the person must obey the lawful directions of the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned;
- (d) the person must not, during the period of supervision, leave the State for any reason except in accordance with the written permission of the CE.

**89—Variation or discharge of bond**

- (1) A probative court may, on the application of a probationer or the Minister for Correctional Services, vary or revoke a condition of a bond.

- (2) If, on an application for variation under subsection (1), a probative court extends, beyond the term of the bond, the period within which community service is to be performed by the probationer, the term of the bond is extended accordingly, despite the fact that the term, as so extended, exceeds 3 years.
- 5 (3) A probative court cannot extend the period within which community service is to be performed by more than 6 months.
- (4) A probative court may only vary or revoke the conditions imposed by section 86(1) on a bond if the court is satisfied, by evidence given on oath, that—
- 10 (a) there are cogent reasons to do so; and
- (b) the possession of a firearm, ammunition or part of a firearm by the probationer does not represent an undue risk to the safety of the public.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), if the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied, on the application of a probationer—
- 15 (a) that it is no longer necessary for the probationer to remain under supervision; and
- (b) that it would not be in the best interests of the probationer to remain under supervision,
- the Minister may, by instrument in writing, waive the obligation of the probationer to comply any further with the condition requiring supervision.
- 20 (6) The Minister for Correctional Services must, before deciding whether to waive the obligation of a probationer to comply any further with a condition requiring supervision, take into account the likely impact on a victim to which this subsection applies if the probationer is no longer required to remain under supervision.
- (7) Subsection (6) applies to a victim in respect of whom a victim impact statement was provided to the sentencing court when the probationer was sentenced.
- 25 (8) If a probative court is satisfied, on the application of a probationer, that it is no longer necessary for the probationer to remain subject to the bond, the court may, by order, discharge the bond.

## 90—Court to provide CE with copy of court order

- 30 If a defendant enters into a bond, the conditions of a bond are varied, the term of a bond is extended, or a bond is discharged, the court must notify the CE of the terms of the bond, variation or extension, or of the discharge, as the case may require.

## Division 2—Community based orders

### 91—Community based orders

- 35 Subject to this Act, a court may—
- (a) sentence a defendant to community service (a *community based order*); and
- (b) make such other orders as the court thinks necessary for securing compliance with this Part.

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**92—Conditions of community based order**

- (1) A community based order is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) a condition requiring the person to be of good behaviour;
  - (b) a condition requiring the person to be under the supervision of a community corrections officer;
  - (c) a condition requiring the person to obey the lawful directions of the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned;
  - (d) a condition requiring the person to report to a specified place not later than 2 working days after the date of the order unless, within that period, the defendant receives a notice from the CE to the contrary;
  - (e) a condition that the person undergo assessment or treatment (or both) relating to the person's mental or physical condition;
  - (f) a condition requiring the person to report to the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned any change of address or employment, not later than 2 working days after the date of the change;
  - (g) a condition requiring the person to comply with the following:
    - (i) regulations made for the purposes of this section;
    - (ii) the lawful directions of the CE;
  - (h) a condition that the person must not leave the State for any reason except in accordance with the written permission of the CE;
  - (i) such other conditions as the court thinks appropriate and specifies in the order.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1)(i), a community based order may be subject to any of the following conditions:
- (a) a condition that the person subject to the order reside at specified premises;
  - (b) a condition that the person undertake community service;
  - (c) a condition relating to the use of drugs by the person other than for therapeutic purposes;
  - (d) a condition requiring the person to submit to such tests (including testing without notice) relating to drug use, as a community corrections officer may reasonably require;
  - (e) a condition that the person contribute financially to any course or treatment program that the person is required to undertake;
  - (f) any other condition that the court thinks fit.
- (3) The court may vary or revoke a condition imposed under this section.

**93—Variation of community based order**

- (1) If, on the application of a person required to perform community service under a community based order, the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that—
- 5 (a) the person will not complete the community service in the time provided for in the order; and
- (b) sufficient reason exists for the person not being able to complete the community service in the required time,
- the Minister may, by instrument in writing, extend the period within which the person must complete the performance of the community service.
- 10 (2) The court that made a community based order or a court of coordinate jurisdiction may, on application by the person or the Minister for Correctional Services, vary the terms of the community based order, or vary or revoke any ancillary order.
- (3) The period within which community service must be performed cannot be extended under this section, whether by the Minister or the court, by a period exceeding
- 15 6 months, or periods that, in aggregate, exceed 6 months.
- (4) If the Minister extends the period within which a person must complete the performance of community service under an order or bond, the order or bond will be taken to have been amended accordingly.
- (5) The Minister must notify the probative or sentencing court of any exercise of powers
- 20 under subsection (1).

**94—Court to provide CE with copy of community based order**

If a defendant is sentenced to community service under a community based order, the conditions of the order are varied, the term of the order is extended, or the order is

25 discharged, the court must notify the CE of the terms of the order, variation or extension, or of the discharge, as the case may require.

**Division 3—General****95—CE must assign community corrections officer**

- (1) The CE must, on receiving a copy of a bond or community based order requiring
- 30 supervision or the performance of community service (and may after then from time to time) assign the person to whom the bond or order relates to a community corrections officer.
- (2) The CE must ensure that the person is notified in writing of the name of the community corrections officer to whom the person has been assigned and, if necessary, of the place and time at which the person must first report to that officer.
- 35 (3) It is the duty of a community corrections officer to endeavour to ensure that any person assigned to the officer complies with the conditions of the bond or order.

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**96—Provisions relating to community service**

- (1) The following provisions apply to a bond or a community based order that includes a condition requiring the performance of community service:
- (a) the court must specify the number of hours of community service to be performed by the person to whom the sentence relates, being not less than 15 or more than 300;
  - (b) the court must not specify a number of hours of community service to be performed by a person who is already performing, or is liable to perform, community service, where the aggregate of that number and the number of hours previously specified would exceed 300;
  - (c) the court must specify a period, not exceeding 18 months, within which the community service is to be performed;
  - (d) the person is required to report to a specified place not later than 2 working days after the date of the order unless, within that period, the person receives a notice from the CE to the contrary;
  - (e) the person is required to perform community service for not less than 4 hours each week and on such day, or days, as the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned may direct;
  - (f) the person may not, except in circumstances approved by the Minister for Correctional Services, be required to perform community service for a continuous period exceeding 7.5 hours;
  - (g) if on any day a period of community service is to exceed 4 continuous hours, the next hour must be a meal break;
  - (h) the person may not be required to perform community service at a time that would interfere with the person's remunerated employment or with a course of training or instruction relating to, or likely to assist the person to obtain, remunerated employment, or that would cause unreasonable disruption of the person's commitments in caring for the person's dependants;
  - (i) the person may not be required to perform community service at a time that would cause the person to offend against a rule of a religion that the person practises;
  - (j) the attendance of the person at any educational or recreational course of instruction approved by the Minister for Correctional Services will be taken to be performance of community service;
  - (k) the person will not be remunerated for the performance of community service under the order;
  - (l) the person must obey the lawful directions of the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned.
- (2) This section does not apply in relation to the performance of community service by a youth.

**97—Court to be notified if suitable community service placement not available**

- 5 (1) If the CE, on being notified that a court has included in a bond or community based order a condition requiring the performance of community service, is of the opinion that suitable community service work cannot be found for the defendant because of the defendant's physical or mental disability, the CE must notify the court in writing of that fact.
- (2) On receiving a notification under subsection (1), the court may revoke the condition or discharge the community based order (as the case may be) and may require the defendant to appear before the court for further order.

**98—Community corrections officer to give reasonable directions**

- 10 (1) A community corrections officer responsible for supervising a person in the community under this Part—
- 15 (a) must give reasonable directions to the person requiring the person to report to the officer on a regular basis; and
- (b) may give reasonable directions to the person—
- 20 (i) requiring the person to notify the officer of any change in the person's place of residence or employment; or
- (ii) requiring the person to reside, or not to reside, in any particular place or area or with any particular person; or
- (iii) requiring the person to take up, or not to take up, any particular employment, to be punctual in reporting to work or not to give up some particular employment; and
- (c) may give the person other directions of a kind authorised by the Minister for Correctional Services, either generally or in relation to that person.
- 25 (2) If the person is required to perform community service, the community corrections officer may also give reasonable directions to the person—
- (a) requiring the person to report to a community service centre or other place at certain times; or
- 30 (b) requiring the person to perform certain projects or tasks as community service; or
- (c) requiring the person to undertake or participate in courses of instruction at a community service centre or other place; or
- (d) requiring the person to behave in a particular manner while undertaking community service.

**99—Powers of community corrections officer relating to probationers on home detention**

- 35 (1) A community corrections officer may, at any time—
- (a) enter or telephone the residence of a probationer who is subject to a bond with a home detention condition; or
- 40 (b) telephone the probationer's place of employment or any other place at which the probationer is permitted or required to attend; or

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- (c) question any person who is at that residence or place as to the whereabouts of the probationer,

for the purposes of ascertaining whether or not the probationer is complying with the home detention condition.

- 5 (2) A person must not—

- (a) hinder a community corrections officer in the exercise of powers under this section; or
- (b) fail to answer truthfully any question put to the person by a community corrections officer under those powers.

10 Maximum penalty: \$2 500.

- (3) A community corrections officer or a police officer who believes on reasonable grounds that a probationer who is subject to a bond with a home detention condition is contravening, has contravened or is about to contravene that condition of the bond may arrest the probationer without warrant and take the probationer to the nearest
- 15 police station at which facilities are continuously available for the probationer's care and custody.
- (4) A probationer arrested under subsection (3) must be brought as soon as practicable before the sentencing court to be dealt with for breach of bond.

**100—Power of Minister to cancel unperformed hours of community service**

- 20 (1) If, on the application of a person required to perform community service under a community based order or bond, the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that—
- (a) although some hours of community service remain unperformed, the person has substantially complied with the requirement; and
- 25 (b) there is no apparent intention on the person's part to deliberately evade the person's obligations under the order or bond; and
- (c) sufficient reason exists for not insisting on performance of some or all of those hours,

30 the Minister may, by instrument in writing, waive compliance with the requirement to perform those hours, or a specified number of them.

- (2) The Minister cannot exercise powers under subsection (1) to waive performance of more than 10 hours under the 1 community based order or bond.
- (3) The Minister must notify the probative or sentencing court of any exercise of powers under subsection (1).

**101—Power of Minister in relation to default in performance of community service**

- 35 (1) If the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that a person who is required to perform community service has failed to obey a direction given by the community corrections officer to whom the person is assigned, the Minister, instead of
- 40 commencing proceedings for breach of order or bond, may, by notice in writing served personally, increase the number of hours of community service that the person is required to perform.

- (2) If the Minister increases the hours of community service to be performed under an order or bond, the order or bond will be taken to have been amended accordingly.
- (3) The number of hours of community service may not be increased under subsection (1) by more than 24 in aggregate, but such an increase may be made despite the fact that its effect is to increase the total number of hours to be performed beyond the normal limit.
- (4) If the Minister for Correctional Services is satisfied that a person has failed to comply with an order or bond requiring performance of community service, the Minister may, by notice in writing served personally or by post, suspend the operation of the order or the relevant condition of the bond until proceedings for breach of the community based order or bond have been determined.

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### **Subdivision 1—Bonds**

#### **102—Non-compliance with bond**

- (1) If it appears to a probative court, by evidence given on oath, that a probationer may have failed to comply with a condition of the probationer's bond, the court—
- (a) may—
    - (i) issue a summons to the probationer requiring the probationer to appear before the court at the time and place specified in the summons; or
    - (ii) issue a warrant for the probationer's arrest; and
  - (b) may issue a summons to a guarantor.
- (2) If a person fails to appear before the court as required by a summons issued under this section, the court may issue a warrant for the person's arrest.
- (3) Where a person is arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under this section, the person must be brought before the probative court or the Magistrates Court not later than the next working day and may be remanded in custody or released on bail pending determination of the proceedings.
- (4) If a probationer is found guilty of an offence by a court of a superior jurisdiction to that of the probative court, being an offence committed during the term of the bond, any proceedings for breach of condition arising out of the offence are to be taken in the court of superior jurisdiction.
- (5) If a probationer is found guilty of an offence by a court of an inferior jurisdiction to that of the probative court, being an offence committed during the term of the bond, the court of an inferior jurisdiction must—
- (a) sentence the probationer for the offence and remand him or her to the probative court to be dealt with for breach of the conditions of the bond; or
  - (b) remand the probationer to the probative court to be sentenced for the offence and dealt with for breach of the conditions of the bond.

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- (6) The court dealing with a probationer for breach of condition must hear any evidence adduced tending to establish that the probationer has failed to comply with a condition of the bond and any evidence or representations that the probationer may wish to adduce or make in reply.

5 (7) In this section—

*court of a superior jurisdiction* means—

- (a) if the probative court is the Magistrates Court—the Supreme Court or the District Court;
- (b) if the probative court is the District Court—the Supreme Court.

10 *court of an inferior jurisdiction* means—

- (a) if the probative court is the Supreme Court—the District Court or the Magistrates Court;
- (b) if the probative court is the District Court—the Magistrates Court;

**103—Orders that court may make on breach of bond**

15 (1) If the court is satisfied that the probationer has failed to comply with a condition of the bond, the court—

- (a) may, if the bond requires the probationer to pay a sum in the event of non-compliance with a condition of the bond, order that the probationer pay the whole or a part of that sum;
- 20 (b) may order a guarantor to pay the whole or a part of the amount due under the guarantee;
- (c) may, if the probationer has not been sentenced for the original offence and the terms of the bond require the defendant to appear before the court for sentencing in the event of failure to comply with a condition of the bond—
- 25 (i) sentence the probationer for the offence, or convict and sentence the probationer for the offence, as the case may require; or
- (ii) if the court is satisfied that the failure of the probationer to comply with the conditions of the bond was trivial or that there are proper grounds on which the failure should be excused, refrain from taking
- 30 any action in respect of the failure;
- (d) if the probationer has been sentenced to imprisonment for the original offence and that sentence has been suspended—must, subject to subsection (3), revoke the suspension and order that the sentence be carried into effect.

35 (2) The court may not order a person to pay an amount pursuant to subsection (1)(a) unless the court is satisfied—

- (a) that the person has, or will within a reasonable time have, the means to pay the amount; and
- (b) that payment of the amount would not unduly prejudice the welfare of dependants of the person.

- (3) If a probationer is subject to a suspended sentence of imprisonment and the court is satisfied that the failure of the probationer to comply with the conditions of the bond was trivial or that there are proper grounds upon which the failure should be excused, the court may refrain from revoking the suspension and—
- 5 (a) in the case of a bond requiring performance of community service—may—
- (i) extend the term of the bond by such period (not exceeding 1 year) as the court thinks fit; or
- (ii) extend the period within which any uncompleted hours of community service must be performed by not more than 6 months; or
- 10 (iii) if the period within which the community service must be performed has expired, impose a period of not more than 6 months within which any uncompleted hours of community service must be performed; or
- (iv) cancel the whole or a number of any unperformed hours of community service; or
- 15 (v) revoke or vary any other condition of the bond; and
- (b) in the case of any other bond—may—
- (i) extend the term of the bond by such period (not exceeding 1 year) as the court thinks fit; or
- (ii) impose a condition on the bond requiring the probationer to perform a specified number of hours of community service; or
- 20 (iii) revoke or vary any other condition of the bond; and
- (c) if the bond has expired in any case—may require the probationer to enter into a further bond, the term of which must not exceed 1 year.
- (4) Section 96 applies in relation to a bond in respect of which a condition requiring the performance of community service is imposed under subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 25 (5) If a court revokes the suspension of a sentence of imprisonment, the court may make any of the following orders:
- (a) if it considers that there are special circumstances justifying it in so doing—an order reducing the term of the suspended sentence;
- 30 (b) an order directing that time spent by the probationer in custody pending determination of the proceedings for breach of condition be counted as part of the term of the suspended sentence;
- (c) in the case of a probationer whose sentence of imprisonment was partially suspended under section 82(4) and even if the term of the sentence now to be served in custody is less than 1 year—an order fixing or extending a non-parole period taking into account the time spent in custody by the probationer before being released on the bond;
- 35 (d) in the case of a bond with a home detention condition—an order directing that the period of compliance by the probationer with that condition be counted as part of the term of the suspended sentence;
- 40 (e) an order directing that—

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(i) in the case of a sentence partially suspended under section 82(3) or (4)—any part of the sentence that the probationer has not served in custody; or

(ii) in any other case—the suspended sentence,

5 be cumulative on another sentence, or sentences, of imprisonment then being served, or to be served, by the probationer.

(6) If a court other than the probative court sentences a probationer for the original offence, the court cannot impose a sentence that the probative court could not have imposed.

10 **Subdivision 2—Community based orders and other orders of a non-pecuniary nature**

**104—Community service orders may be enforced by imprisonment**

(1) Subject to this section, an order requiring performance of community service is enforceable by imprisonment in default of compliance.

15 (2) The term of imprisonment to be served in default of compliance will be—

(a) a term calculated on the basis of one day for each 7.5 hours of community service remaining to be performed under the order; or

(b) 6 months,

whichever is the lesser.

20 (3) If it appears to the court, by evidence given on oath, that a person has failed to comply with an order requiring performance of community service, the court may—

(a) issue a notice requiring the person to appear before the court at the time and place specified in the notice to show cause why a warrant of commitment should not be issued against the person for the default; or

25 (b) issue a warrant for the person's arrest.

(4) If a person fails to appear before the court as required by a notice issued under subsection (3), the court may issue a warrant for the person's arrest.

(5) If the court is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with the order requiring performance of community service—

30 (a) the court may issue a warrant of commitment for the appropriate term of imprisonment fixed in accordance with subsection (2); but

(b) if the person is a youth, the court may, instead of taking action under paragraph (a), make an order for home detention for a period fixed on the same basis.

35 (6) The court may, on issuing a warrant under subsection (5), direct that the imprisonment to which the person becomes liable by virtue of the warrant be cumulative on any other term of imprisonment being served, or to be served, by the person.

- (7) Despite subsection (5), if the court is satisfied that the failure of a person to comply with an order requiring performance of community service was trivial or that there are proper grounds on which the failure should be excused, the court—
- (a) may refrain from issuing a warrant of commitment; and
  - (b) may—
    - (i) extend the term of the order by such period, not exceeding 6 months, as the court thinks necessary for the purpose of enabling the person to perform the remaining hours of community service (if any);
    - (ii) if the order has expired, impose a further order, for a term not exceeding 6 months, requiring the person to perform the number of hours of community service unperformed under the previous order;
    - (iii) cancel the whole or a number of the unperformed hours of community service under the order.
- (8) However, if the court is satisfied that the person who has failed to comply with the order requiring performance of community service has the means to pay a fine without the person or the person's dependants suffering hardship, the court may—
- (a) revoke the community service order; and
  - (b) impose a fine not exceeding the maximum fine that may be imposed for the offence in respect of which the community service order was made (or, if the order was made in respect of more than 1 offence—the total of the maximum fines that may be imposed for the offences).
- (9) In imposing a fine under subsection (8), the court must take into account the number of hours of community service (if any) that the person performed under the revoked order.

### **105—Other non-pecuniary orders may be enforced by imprisonment**

- (1) If it appears to the court, by evidence given on oath, that a person has failed to comply with an order requiring the person to do some act (other than the performance of community service or the payment of a pecuniary sum), the court may—
- (a) issue a notice requiring the person to appear before the court at the time and place specified in the notice to show cause why the person should not be dealt with for the default; or
  - (b) issue a warrant for the person's arrest.
- (2) If a person fails to appear before the court as required by a notice issued under subsection (1), the court may issue a warrant for the person's arrest.
- (3) If the court is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with the order, the court may sentence the person to such term of imprisonment (not exceeding 6 months) as the court thinks fit and issue a warrant of commitment accordingly.
- (4) The court may, on issuing a warrant under subsection (3), direct that the imprisonment to which the person becomes liable by virtue of the warrant be cumulative on any other term of imprisonment being served, or to be served by the person.

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**106—Registrar may exercise jurisdiction under this Division**

- (1) Subject to rules of court or the regulations, the powers of a court under sections 104 and 105 are exercisable by—
- 5           (a) if the person in relation to whom the powers are to be exercised is a youth—the Registrar of the Youth Court;
- (b) in any other case—a Registrar of the Magistrates Court.
- (2) Subject to rules of court or the regulations, a person who is aggrieved by a decision or order of a Registrar made pursuant to subsection (1) may apply in accordance with rules of court to the court for a review of the decision or order.
- 10       (3) The court may, on completion of the review—
- (a) confirm the decision or order;
- (b) quash the decision or order and substitute any decision or order that could have been made in the first instance;
- (c) make any ancillary order (including an order as to costs) the court thinks fit.

**107—Detention in prison**

If the court issues an order for detention of a youth or sentences a youth to detention under this Division—

- 15           (a) where the youth is already in custody in a prison, the youth will serve the detention in a prison; or
- 20           (b) where the youth has previously served a sentence of imprisonment or detention in a prison, the court may direct that the youth serve the detention in a prison,

and the *Correctional Services Act 1982* applies to and in relation to a youth serving detention in a prison under this section.

**Part 5—Financial penalties****108—Maximum fine if no other maximum provided**

If a fine is imposed in respect of an offence for which an Act or statutory instrument does not prescribe a fine, the fine may not exceed—

- 25           (a) if the Supreme Court imposes the fine—\$75 000; and
- 30           (b) if the District Court imposes the fine—\$35 000; and
- (c) if the Magistrates Court imposes the fine—\$10 000.

**109—Order for payment of pecuniary sum not to be made in certain circumstances**

- 35       (1) The court must not make an order requiring a defendant to pay a pecuniary sum (other than a VIC levy) if the court is satisfied that the means of the defendant, so far as they are known to the court, are such that—
- (a) the defendant would be unable to comply with the order; or

- (b) compliance with the order would unduly prejudice the welfare of dependants of the defendant,

(and in such a case the court may, if it thinks fit, order the payment of a lesser amount).

- 5 (2) Subject to subsection (3), the court is not obliged to inform itself as to the defendant's means, but it should consider any evidence on the subject that the defendant or the prosecutor has placed before it.
- (3) In considering whether the defendant would be able to comply with the order, the court should have regard to any information available to the court as to other  
10 pecuniary sums that have been paid, or are payable, by the defendant.

### **110—Preference must be given to compensation for victims**

If a court considers—

- (a) that it is appropriate—

- 15 (i) to make an order for compensation (under this Act or any other Act);  
and  
(ii) to impose a fine or make any other order for the payment of a pecuniary sum; but

- (b) that the defendant has insufficient means to pay both the compensation and the fine or other pecuniary sum,

20 the court must give preference to compensation.

### **111—Court not to fix time for payment of pecuniary sums**

- (1) If a court makes an order requiring a defendant to pay a pecuniary sum, the court is not empowered to make any order relating to the time or manner in which the sum is to be paid.
- 25 (2) Subsection (1) does not derogate from an order of a court or an officer of a court that was in force immediately before this section came into operation.

## **Part 6—Restitution and compensation**

### **Division 1—Restitution and compensation generally**

#### **112—Restitution of property**

- 30 (1) If the offence of which the defendant has been found guilty, or any other offence that is to be taken into account by the court in determining sentence, involves the misappropriation of property, the court may order the defendant, or any other person in possession of the property, to restore the property to any person who appears to be entitled to possession of the property.
- 35 (2) An order under subsection (1) does not prejudice any person's title to the property.

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**113—Compensation**

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- (1) Subject to this section, a court may make an order requiring a defendant to pay compensation for injury, loss or damage resulting from the offence of which the defendant has been found guilty or for any offence taken into account by the court in determining sentence for that offence.
- (2) An order for compensation may be made under this section—
- (a) either on application by the prosecutor or on the court's own initiative; and
  - (b) instead of, or in addition to, dealing with the defendant in any other way.
- (3) If—
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- (a) a court finds a defendant guilty of an offence, or takes an offence into account in determining sentence; and
  - (b) the circumstances of the offence are such as to suggest that a right to compensation has arisen, or may have arisen, under this section,
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- the court must, if it does not make an order for compensation, give its reasons for not doing so.
- (4) Compensation under this section will be of such amount as the court considers appropriate having regard to any evidence before the court and to any representations made by or on behalf of the prosecutor or the defendant.
- (5) If any property of which a person was dispossessed as a result of the offence is recovered, any damage to the property while it was out of the person's possession is to be treated for the purposes of this section as having resulted from the offence.
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- (6) The power of a court to award compensation under this section is subject to the following qualifications:
- (a) no compensation may be awarded for injury, loss or damage caused by, or arising out of the use of, a motor vehicle except damage to property;
  - (b) no compensation may be awarded against an employer in favour of an employee or former employee if—
    - (i) the offence arises from breach of a statutory duty related to employment; and
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    - (ii) the injury, loss or damage is compensable under the *Return to Work Act 2014*;
  - (c) the Magistrates Court may not award more than \$20 000 (or if a greater amount is prescribed—the prescribed amount) by way of compensation.
- (7) Compensation may be ordered under this section in relation to an offence despite the fact that compensation may be ordered under some other statutory provision that relates more specifically to the offence or proceedings in respect of the offence.
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- (8) The amount paid to a person pursuant to an order under this section for compensation for injury, loss or damage must be taken into consideration by a court or any other body in awarding compensation for that injury, loss or damage under any other Act or law.
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**114—Certificate for victims of identity theft**

(1) A court that finds a person guilty of an offence involving—

- (a) the assumption of another person's identity; or
- (b) the use of another person's personal identification information,

5 may, on application by a victim of the offence, issue a certificate under subsection (2).

(2) The certificate is to give details of—

- (a) the offence; and
- (b) the name of the victim; and
- (c) any other matters considered by the court to be relevant.

10 (3) In this section—

*personal identification information* has the same meaning as in Part 5A of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*;

*victim* means a person whose identity has been assumed, or personal identification information has been used, without the person's consent, in connection with the  
15 commission of the offence.

**Division 2—Enforcement of restitution orders****115—Non-compliance with order for restitution of property**

(1) If—

- (a) an order is made under section 112 requiring property to be restored to a  
20 person; and
- (b) the order is not complied with,

the person may request an authorised officer to take action under this section for enforcement of the order.

(2) On receiving a request under this section in relation to an order requiring the  
25 restitution of property, an authorised officer may—

- (a) enter any land (using such force as may be necessary) on which the officer reasonably suspects the property is situated and seize and remove the property; or
- (b) cause the property to be valued (in such manner as the officer thinks fit) and  
30 make an order requiring the defendant to pay to the person an amount equal to the value of the property.

(3) In exercising powers under subsection (2)(a), an authorised officer may be assisted by such other persons (including a member of the police force) as the officer considers necessary in the circumstances.

35 (4) An authorised officer who makes an order under subsection (2)(b) must cause a copy of the order to be served on the defendant personally or by post.

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- (5) An order under subsection (2)(b)—
- (a) may be made in the absence of, and without prior notice to, the defendant; and
  - (b) may be varied or cancelled by an authorised officer in such circumstances as the officer considers just; and
  - (c) is enforceable as a pecuniary sum.
- (6) The prescribed fees for issuing, serving and executing an order under subsection (2)(b) are payable in addition to the amount specified in the order as the value of the relevant property and form part of the amount payable under the order.
- (7) In this section—
- authorised officer* means the sheriff or a person authorised in writing by the sheriff for the purposes of this section;
- defendant*, in relation to property, means the defendant in the proceedings in which the order requiring restitution of the property was made.

**Division 3—Special provisions relating to offences of dishonesty****116—Interpretation**

In this Division—

*deposit holder* means—

- (a) an ADI; or
- (b) a friendly society; or
- (c) an organisation that holds money in accounts on behalf of other persons; or
- (d) a person who carries on business as a pawnbroker; or
- (e) an institution of a kind declared by regulation to be a deposit holder;

*effective control*—see section 117;

*offence of dishonesty* means an offence against Part 5 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* or any other offence of a class prescribed by regulation for the purposes of this definition;

*property* means real or personal property (tangible or intangible) including—

- (a) a chose in action; and
- (b) an interest in property;

*relevant order* means—

- (a) an order made by a court under section 112 requiring property to be restored to a victim of an offence of dishonesty; or
- (b) an order made by a court under section 113 requiring compensation to be paid to a victim of an offence of dishonesty;

*safe custody facility* includes any facility or arrangement through which a deposit holder accepts deposits or allows withdrawals and any other facility through which a deposit holder holds property on behalf of a person.

**117—Meaning of effective control**

- (1) For the purposes of this Division, the following principles apply when determining whether property is subject to the *effective control* of a person:
- (a) property may be subject to the effective control of a person whether or not the person has an interest in the property;
  - (b) property that is held on trust for the ultimate benefit of a person is taken to be subject to the effective control of the person;
  - (c) if a person is 1 of 2 or more beneficiaries under a discretionary trust, the proportion of the trust property that is taken to be subject to the effective control of the person is determined by dividing 1 by the total number of beneficiaries;
  - (d) property may be subject to the effective control of a person even if 1 or more other persons have joint control of the property.
- (2) In determining whether or not property is subject to the effective control of a person, regard may be had to—
- (a) securities (within the meaning of section 92 of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth) in, or directorships of, a company that has an interest (whether direct or indirect) in the property; and
  - (b) a trust that has a relationship to the property; and
  - (c) family, domestic and business relationships between persons having an interest in the property, or in companies of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) or trusts of the kind referred to in paragraph (b), and other persons.

**118—DPP may apply for immediate enforcement action**

- (1) A court that has made a relevant order may, on application by the DPP under this section, make any order, or take any action, under the *Enforcement of Judgments Act 1991* for the purpose of enforcing the relevant order as if an application had been made by a judgement creditor under that Act.
- (2) If the court is satisfied that particular property is subject to the effective control of the defendant, the court may declare that the whole, or a specified part, of that property is to be taken to be property of the defendant for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (3) The DPP must, before the court makes a declaration under subsection (2) relating to particular property, ensure that notice of the proposed declaration is given (in accordance with any directions of the court) to—
- (a) the defendant; and
  - (b) any person whom the DPP has reason to believe may have an interest in the property; and
  - (c) any other persons that should, in the opinion of the court, be given notice of the application.
- (4) A person given notice under subsection (3) may appear before the court and adduce evidence before the making of the declaration.

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**119—Restraining orders**

- (1) A court may, on application by the DPP, make an order (a *restraining order*) preventing—
- (a) the disposal of specified property; or
  - (b) specified kinds of transactions involving safe custody facilities,
- except in the manner and circumstances, if any, specified in the order.
- (2) A court may only make a restraining order if satisfied that the order is reasonably necessary to ensure enforcement of a relevant order that has been, or may be, made under this Part (and the application for the restraining order must be accompanied by an affidavit setting out matters that would justify such a finding).
- (3) In determining whether or not to make a restraining order, or the terms of a restraining order, the court—
- (a) must have regard to any serious hardship that may be caused to any person as a result of the order; and
  - (b) may have regard to a need to pay legal expenses, but only to the extent that such expenses are reasonable in the circumstances.
- (4) A restraining order must—
- (a) set out the terms of the order; and
  - (b) include a statement of the court's reasons for issuing the order; and
  - (c) if the order was made on an application made without notice to any person—set out an explanation of the right of objection under section 121.
- (5) A copy of the affidavit that accompanied the application for the order must be attached to the restraining order.
- (6) A restraining order may be subject to such conditions as the court thinks fit.

**120—Notice of restraining order**

- (1) If a court makes a restraining order prohibiting the disposal of property, the DPP should give written notice of the order (including a copy of the order) to—
- (a) the person who is the owner of the property; and
  - (b) any person who has an interest in the property; and
  - (c) any other persons that should, in the opinion of the court, be given notice of the order.
- (2) If a court makes a restraining order prohibiting transactions, the DPP should give written notice of the order (including a copy of the order) to—
- (a) the relevant deposit holder; and
  - (b) any person who, but for the prohibition in the restraining order, would have had a legal entitlement to enter into the transaction; and
  - (c) any other persons that should, in the opinion of the court, be given notice of the order.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, written notice of an order will be taken to have been given to a deposit holder or a corporation if it is given to an executive officer of the deposit holder or corporation (as the case requires).

### 121—Right of objection

- 5 (1) If a restraining order is made on an application made without notice to any person, a person who has been, or should have been, given notice of the order under section 120 may lodge a notice of objection with the court that made the order within 14 days after becoming aware of the making of the order (or such longer period as the court may allow).
- 10 (2) The grounds of the objection must be stated fully and in detail in the notice of objection.
- (3) A copy of the notice of objection must be served by the objector on the DPP by registered post at least 7 days before the day appointed for hearing of the notice.
- 15 (4) The court must, when determining a notice of objection, consider whether, in the light of the evidence presented by both the DPP and the objector, sufficient grounds existed for the making of the restraining order.
- (5) The court may, on hearing a notice of objection—
- (a) confirm, vary or revoke the restraining order; and
- (b) make any other orders of a kind that could have been made by the court on
- 20 the making of the restraining order.

### 122—Variation or revocation of restraining order

- (1) A court may vary or revoke a restraining order made by the court on application—
- (a) by the DPP; or
- 25 (b) by a person who was, or should have been, given notice of the order under section 120.
- (2) An application for variation or revocation of a restraining order may only be made by a person referred to in subsection (1)(b) with the permission of the court.
- (3) The court must, before varying or revoking a restraining order under this section, allow all parties a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter.
- 30 (4) If an application for variation or revocation of a restraining order is made in order to allow the payment of legal costs of a person, the court may only vary or revoke the order if satisfied that the person has no other source of funds (within or outside the State) to which he or she could reasonably have recourse for the legal costs.

### 123—Appeals to Supreme Court

- 35 (1) The DPP or a person who has been, or should have been, given notice of an order under section 120 may appeal to the Supreme Court against a decision of a court under this Division.
- (2) An appeal lies as of right on a question of law and with permission on a question of fact.
- 40 (3) An appeal must be commenced within the time, and in accordance with the procedure, prescribed by rules of the Supreme Court.

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- (4) The commencement of an appeal under this section does not affect the operation of the restraining order to which the appeal relates.
- (5) On an appeal, the Supreme Court may confirm, vary or reverse the decision appealed against.

**124—Cessation of restraining order**

A restraining order under this Division will be taken to have been discharged—

- (a) in a case where no relevant order had been made when the restraining order was made—if 1 or more of the following occurs:
- (i) the defendant is found not guilty of the offence to which the restraining order relates or the proceedings against the defendant in relation to the offence to which the restraining order relates are discontinued;
- (ii) the defendant is found guilty of the offence to which the restraining order relates but the sentencing court refuses to make a relevant order; or
- (b) in any other case—if 1 or more of the following occurs:
- (i) the relevant order is satisfied;
- (ii) if the relevant order only relates to property—the property is sold or disposed of to satisfy the relevant order;
- (iii) the relevant order is revoked, discharged or otherwise ceases to have effect.

**125—Contravention of restraining order**

- (1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person, knowing of the existence of a restraining order—
- (a) deals with or permits a dealing with property that is subject to the order; or
- (b) engages in, facilitates or permits a transaction that is subject to the order, contrary to the terms of the order.
- Maximum penalty: \$20 000 or imprisonment for 4 years.
- (2) A person is guilty of an offence if—
- (a) the person deals with or permits a dealing with property, or engages in, facilitates or permits a transaction, subject to a restraining order; and
- (b) by so doing, contravenes the order (whether or not the person knows or is reckless as to that fact); and
- (c) the person was given notice of the order under section 120.
- Maximum penalty: \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
- (3) A dealing with property or a transaction contrary to this section is void against anyone except a person who acquires an interest in property in good faith for value and without notice of the terms of the order.
- (4) This section does not limit the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with a contravention of a restraining order as a contempt of court.

**126—Evidentiary**

5 In proceedings under this Act for the enforcement of an order of a court, a certificate apparently under the hand of an authorised officer (within the meaning of section 115(7)) and specifying the default of any person under the order will, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be proof of the facts certified.

**Part 7—Miscellaneous****127—Power of delegation—intervention program manager**

- 10 (1) An intervention program manager may, by instrument in writing, delegate a power or function under this Act—
- (a) to a particular person; or
  - (b) to the person for the time being occupying a particular position.
- (2) A power or function so delegated under this section may, if the instrument of delegation so provides, be further delegated.
- (3) A delegation—
- 15 (a) may be absolute or conditional; and
- (b) does not derogate from the power of the delegator to act in a matter; and
- (c) is revocable at will.

**128—Regulations**

- 20 (1) The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by, or as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of, this Act.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may—
- (a) prescribe forms for the purposes of this Act;
  - (b) prescribe, or provide for the calculation of, costs, fees or charges for the purposes of this Act;

25 (c) exempt any person or class of persons from the obligation to pay any costs, fees or charges so prescribed;

  - (d) prescribe penalties, not exceeding \$5 000, for breach of, or non-compliance with, a regulation.
- (3) The regulations may—
- 30 (a) be of general or limited application; and
- (b) make different provision according to the persons, things or circumstances to which they are expressed to apply; and
- 35 (c) provide that a specified provision of this Act does not apply, or applies with prescribed variations, to any person, circumstance or situation (or person, circumstance or situation of a prescribed class) specified by the regulations, subject to any condition to which the regulations are expressed to be subject; and

- (d) provide that any matter or thing is to be determined, dispensed with, regulated or prohibited according to the discretion of the Minister, an authorised officer or another prescribed person.
- 5 (4) The regulations may make provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the commencement of any provisions of this Act (including provisions of a transitional nature modifying any provisions of this Act).

## **Schedule 1—Repeal and transitional provision**

### **Part 1—Repeal of *Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988***

The *Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988* is repealed.

10 **Part 2—Transitional provision**

This Act applies to the sentencing of a defendant after the commencement of this Act, regardless of whether the offence for which the defendant is being sentenced was committed before or after that commencement.