

Bills Introduced

Government Bills

(Minister/Member in Charge Shown in Parenthesis)

21 September 1989—

Taxation Reform Bill (No. 6). (Hon. David Caygill.) 197-1.
State Services Restructuring Bill. (Hon. Stan Rodger.) 198-1.

Referred to Select Committee

Finance and Expenditure
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Summary of Bills Introduced

State Services Restructuring Bill

This Bill effects significant amendments to the State Sector Act 1988, the National Library Act 1965, the Police Act 1958, and the Survey Act 1986. In addition, it abolishes both the Department of Lands and the Ministry of Energy.

Part I of the Bill—

- (a) Reconstructs the State Services Commission; and
- (b) Makes amendments related to the Education Service; and
- (c) Makes a number of other amendments to the State Sector Act 1988 (including amendments relating to the appointment of chief executives and amendments relating to the membership of the senior executive service).

The changes made by Part II of this Bill—

- (a) Reflect the new status of the National Library as a separate department of the Public Service; and
- (b) Effect internal restructuring of the National Library; and
- (c) Implement recommendations resulting from a review of the Trustees of the National Library carried out by Sir George Laking.

The principal objects of Part III of the Bill are—

- (a) To provide for the appointment of non-sworn members of the Police;
- (b) To make the appointment provisions for all members of the Police consistent with relevant provisions in the State Sector Act 1988;
- (c) To abolish the Police Promotion Board and the Police Appeal Board; and
- (d) To establish, for the settlement of conditions of employment, disputes of rights, and personal grievances in relation to sworn members of the Police, procedures that are similar to the corresponding procedures in the Labour Relations Act 1987 and the State Sector Act 1988.

Part IV amends the Survey Act 1986.

Part V, which comes into force on 1 December 1989, abolishes the Ministry of Energy.

Part VI and VII re-enact provisions of the Ministry of Energy Act 1977.

The Select Committee does not have jurisdiction to consider Clauses 88 to 98 inclusive and Clause 101 insofar as those provisions specify rates of levies or charges imposed.

Taxation Reform Bill (No. 6)

This Bill amends the Income Tax Act 1976; the Land Tax Act 1976; the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985; the Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968; the Stamp and Cheque Duties Act 1971; and the Inland Revenue Department Act 1974.

The 6 parts of the Bill relate to:

- (i) Miscellaneous amendments to the Income Tax Act 1976.
- (ii) Amendments to the Land Tax Act 1976, arising from a change in the manner of payment of Land Tax and including exemptions for land used for certain purposes.
- (iii) Amendments to the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985 including amendments to the definition of the term "financial services".
- (iv) Amendments to the Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968, reducing the period for the retention of records from 50 years to 15 years.
- (v) Amendments to the Stamp and Cheque Duties Act 1971 relating to the lease duty; and exempting the new boards of trustees as agents of the Crown from cheque duty.
- (vi) Amendments to the Inland Revenue Department Act 1974 relating to the classes of persons to whom information may be disclosed.