

Crimes (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Act, which is to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** to make provision with respect to the practice of female genital mutilation.
- Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 inserts new definitions in section 15 of the **Crimes Act 1958** including a definition of female genital mutilation.
- Clause 4 inserts new sections 32 to 34A which provide that it will be an offence to perform female genital mutilation or to take a person from the state with the intention of having female genital mutilation performed on the person and also provides for exceptions to the offence.

