

**Director of Public Prosecutions (Standing  
Committee) Amendment Bill 2006**

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Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*(Introduced by Ms Walker, MLA)*

**Director of Public Prosecutions (Standing  
Committee) Amendment Bill 2006**

**A Bill for**

**An Act to amend the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991*.**

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

## **Part 1 — Preliminary**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Director of Public Prosecutions (Standing Committee) Amendment Act 2006*.

5 **2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Part 2 — Amendments to the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991*.**

**3. The Act amended**

5 The amendments in this Part are to the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991*\*.

[\* *Reprint 2 as at 25 November 2005 (see the Notes to the Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991)*].

**4. Section 37 inserted**

After section 35 the following section is inserted —

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**37. Standing Committee of Houses of Parliament**

- 15 (1) The Houses of Parliament are to establish a joint standing committee of not less than six members and comprising an equal number of members appointed by each House.
- (2) Subject to sub-section (3), the functions and powers of the Standing Committee are determined by agreement between the Houses and are not justiciable.
- 20 (3) The functions of the Standing Committee must include —
- (a) to recommend the sums to be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of enabling the Director to perform his or her functions in respect of each financial year, and to comment generally on the budget of the office of the Director;
- 25 (b) to monitor and to review the exercise of the Director’s functions and powers including functions and powers relating to —
- 30 (i) staff recruitment;

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- (ii) training;
- (iii) brief out costs;
- (iv) confiscation of assets pursuant to the  
*Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000* and the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981*;
- (v) the Director's statement of prosecution policy and guidelines;
- 10 (vi) services to victims of crime and Crown witnesses;
- (vii) the compilation of accurate sentencing statistics; and
- (c) to review the process under which the Director is appointed.
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