

**STATUTES (REPEALS AND MINOR AMENDMENTS) BILL 2010**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Hon Michael Mischin (Parliamentary Secretary)**, and read a first time.

*Second Reading*

**HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [9.37 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill is what is commonly known as an omnibus bill to be introduced into Parliament as part of an ongoing program of legislative review. An omnibus bill is an avenue for making general housekeeping amendments to legislation. It is designed to make only relatively minor, non-controversial amendments to various acts and to repeal acts that are no longer required. Omnibus bills assist in expediting the government's legislative program and parliamentary business by reducing the number of separate amendment bills that deal with relatively minor amendments and repeals. They also help to weed out spent or redundant legislation from the statute book. The Department of the Attorney General has provided oversight of the bill.

The bill deals with two main categories of amendments: acts repealed and acts amended. Part 2 of the bill provides for the repeal of unproclaimed, obsolete, redundant, spent and consequential amendments necessary as a result of those repeals. Part 3 of the bill contains a range of miscellaneous, non-controversial and administrative amendments to a number of acts across various portfolio areas. These are minor or technical changes to legislation that are considered appropriate for inclusion in the bill. Examples of such amendments are corrections to typographical, grammatical, formatting and cross-referencing errors; those that are believed to better implement the object or intent of the legislation; those arising out of the enactment or repeal of other legislation; and those updating terminology. The various amendments are explained in detail in the explanatory memorandum. In accordance with past practice, I move that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review for consideration and report.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned and bill referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review, pursuant to standing orders.