



THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

REPORT 87
STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM
LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW
INQUIRY INTO THE STATUTE BOOK

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June 2014

STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW

Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

Terms of Reference:

The following is an extract from Schedule 1 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders:

“6. Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee

6.1 A *Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee* is established.

6.2 The Committee consists of 4 Members.

6.3 The functions of the Committee are –

- (a) to consider and report on Bills referred under Standing Order 126;
- (b) on reference from the Council, to consider or review the development and formulation of any proposal or agreement whose implementation would require the enactment of legislation made subject to Standing Order 126;
- (c) to examine the provisions of any treaty that the Commonwealth has entered into or presented to the Commonwealth Parliament, and determine whether the treaty may impact upon the sovereignty and law-making powers of the Parliament of Western Australia;
- (d) to review the form and content of the statute book; and
- (e) to consider and report on any matter referred by the Council.

6.4 In relation to function 6.3(a) and (b), the Committee is to confine any inquiry and report to an investigation as to whether a Bill or proposal may impact upon the sovereignty and law-making powers of the Parliament of Western Australia.”

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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW

REPORT 87: INQUIRY INTO THE STATUTE BOOK – TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

- 1.1 At a regularly constituted meeting of the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (the Committee) held on 16 June 2014, it was resolved to initiate an inquiry to:
- 1.1.1 Identify the current process for reviewing the statute book utilised in Western Australia;
 - 1.1.2 Identify the current process for reviewing the statute book utilised in other jurisdictions; and
 - 1.1.3 any other matter relevant to the inquiry.
- 1.2 The Committee hereby acquaints the Legislative Council accordingly.



Hon Kate Doust MLC
Chair

17 June 2014