

Western Australia

## **Victims of Crime Amendment Bill 2003**

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*(As amended during consideration in detail)*

**Victims of Crime Amendment Bill 2003**

**A Bill for**

**An Act to amend the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*.**

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Victims of Crime Amendment Act 2003*.

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2. **Commencement**

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

3. **The Act amended**

5 The amendments in this Act are to the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*\*.

[\* Act No. 81 of 1994.

For subsequent amendments see 2001 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 397.]

10 4. **Section 4 inserted**

After section 3 the following section is inserted —

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4. **Information about victims, provision of by police and DPP**

15 (1) In this section —

“**Department**” means the department of the Public Service principally assisting the Minister in the administration of this Act;

20 “**DPP**” means the Director of Public Prosecutions appointed under the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991*.

“**prescribed information**”, in relation to a victim, means —

- 25 (a) the name, address, telephone number, age and ethnicity of the victim;
- (b) a description of the offence and an abridged description of the circumstances of its commission;
- 30 (c) the name of the offender or alleged offender, if known;

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- (d) the name, rank and registered number of the member of the Police Force in charge of investigating the offence;
- (e) the police station or office where information about the investigation of the offence is held;
- (f) the status of the investigation and prosecution of the offence by the Police Force; and
- 10 (g) any information prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police may provide the chief executive officer of the Department with prescribed information in relation to a victim so that the Department can offer the victim the services it has available for victims.
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- (3) The DPP may provide the chief executive officer of the Department with such information in relation to a victim as the DPP thinks fit so that the Department can offer the victim the services it has available for victims.
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- (4) Any information provided under subsection (2) or (3) must be provided in confidence.
- (5) The provision of information under subsection (2) or (3) in confidence and in good faith does not constitute a breach of any written or other law.
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- (6) Information provided under subsection (2) or (3) must not be used by the Department for purposes other than those specified in subsection (2) or (3).

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