

**DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL 2006**  
**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (E174)**

*(Introduced by Mr D'Orazio, MLA)*

Clause 1.

The title of the bill clearly identifies the purpose of the bill. This is a bill to introduce daylight saving to all Western Australia. It is a short, simple bill and is based on the 1991 Bill.

Clause 2.

This clause sets out the commencement day for the Act.

Clause 3.

This clause provides the definitions for certain terms used in the Act.

Clause 4.

It proposes to introduce an initial period of daylight saving on December 1, 2006; the first day of summer. The finishing date will be 25 March 2007, which is the last Sunday in March. This means daylight saving will be in place for summer this year.

Clause 5.

The legislation sets out the starting and finishing dates for periods of daylight saving in subsequent years. The period is defined as the last Sunday in October as the starting point and the last Sunday in March as the finishing point, the changeovers occurring at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Clause 6.

This clause provides for the construction of expression of time in enactments, etc.

Clause 7.

The clause provides that the Act will not affect the use of standard time for certain purposes.

Clause 8.

There are provisions in the *Daylight Saving Act 2006*, which allow the Governor, on recommendation from the Minister, to make regulations in relation to matters that may need alteration because of daylight saving time but is limited to the effect of daylight saving time.

Clause 9.

This Act is not a trial of daylight saving but has a 'sunset clause' of 31 March 2009 and a review is to be undertaken by Parliament and presented to both Houses of Parliament by 31 July 2009. These dates were carefully chosen so that the issue of daylight saving is avoided during the state election period, thus reducing the likelihood that it will become a political football during the election.

The review presented to Parliament would then allow Parliament to decide whether to continue daylight saving or allow it to lapse as provided for in this Act.