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STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW

Evidence Bill 2024 – Extension of time

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Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review

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Evidence Bill 2024

Extension of time

On 14 August 2024, the Legislative Council referred the Evidence Bill 2024 to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (Committee) for consideration and report. The reporting date is 15 October 2024, the next sitting day after the 45-day period mandated by Standing Order 126.

The Evidence Bill seeks to introduce a form of the uniform evidence law in Western Australia.

On 10 October 2024, the Committee passed a motion to seek an extension of the time in which it was to report to the Legislative Council. The extension of time is requested to enable the Committee to properly discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council.

The Committee therefore requests an extension of time in which it is to report on the Evidence Bill 2024 from 15 October 2024 to 24 October 2024.



Hon Donna Faragher MLC
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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 review the form and content of the statute book; and
 - (d) 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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