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STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

**INQUIRY INTO A DEMISE OF THE CROWN
STATUTE – EXTENSION OF TIME**

Presented by Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC (Chair)

April 2015

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

Terms of Reference:

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

“4. Legislation Committee

- 4.1 *A Legislation Committee* is established.
- 4.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members.
- 4.3 The functions of the Committee are to consider and report on any Bill referred by the Council.
- 4.4 Unless otherwise ordered, any amendment recommended by the Committee must be consistent with the policy of a Bill.”

Members as at the time of this inquiry:

Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC (Chair)

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC

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1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE

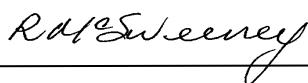
- 1.1 On 26 February 2015, the Legislative Council referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation (**Committee**) an inquiry into a Demise of the Crown Statute (**inquiry**) with the following terms of reference:

That the Standing Committee on Legislation:

1. *inquire into and report on whether Western Australia should adopt a general demise of the Crown Statute such as that recommended by the October 1994 report of the Western Australian Law Reform Commission on “Project No 75: United Kingdom Statutes in Force in Western Australia”;*
 2. *should it recommend that a general demise of the Crown statute be adopted, the committee include in a schedule to its report a draft bill for this purpose; and*
 3. *report to the House on or before 14 May 2015.*
- 1.2 The Committee has sought and received submissions relevant to the inquiry’s terms of reference and has held several meetings to progress the inquiry.
- 1.3 At a regularly constituted meeting of the Committee held on 22 April 2015, it was resolved to seek leave of the Legislative Council to extend the date by which the Committee is to report on the inquiry from 14 May 2015 to 13 August 2015. This extension is requested to enable the Committee to seek further information in order to properly discharge its reporting obligations to the House.

Request for Extension of Time in Which to Report

- 1.4 In light of the foregoing, the Committee requests an extension to its reporting deadline for the inquiry from 14 May 2015 to 13 August 2015.



Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC
Chair

23 April 2015