

Second Reading Speech

Legislation and Regulatory Review (Treasury) Act 2026

Honourable Speaker,

Today, the Government is introducing the Legislation and Regulatory Review (Treasury) Act 2026.

The purpose of this Bill is to make the following repeals:

- *Commonwealth and State Statistical Agreement Act 1924 (No. 11 of 1924)*
- *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Subsidy) Act 1980 (No. 68 of 1980)*
- *Public Sector Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009 (No. 60 of 2009)*

Commonwealth and State Statistical Agreement Act 1924

The *Commonwealth and State Statistical Agreement Act 1924* was enacted to ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania to facilitate the transfer of the responsibilities for the collection of statistics from the State to the Commonwealth. At the time this legislation was put in place, a complementary Commonwealth Act was also enacted, the *Statistical Bureau (Tasmania) Act 1924* (Cth). The Australian Government repealed this Act in 2018.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has not been influenced by any provisions in the Act in recent decades and repealing the Act would not change the well-established relationship between the Tasmanian Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Given this Act no longer has any practical effect and that the corresponding Commonwealth Act has already been repealed, it is recommended that this Act be repealed.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Subsidy) Act 1980

The *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Subsidy) Act 1980* provides for the administration of funding during the 1980s through a Commonwealth Government Scheme. A complementary Commonwealth Act, the *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act 1980* (Cth) was repealed in 2006 as part of the *Statute Law Revision Act 2006* (Cth).

The Tasmanian Act empowered the State to pay a subsidy to registered distributors of liquefied petroleum gas or of eligible reticulation gas. The subsidy was to be paid out of financial assistance provided to the State by the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth Act.

Given the Commonwealth Act's repeal twenty years ago, this financial assistance to the State is no longer paid. As such, the purpose of the Tasmanian Act has ceased to exist and it is recommended that the Act be repealed.

Public Sector Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009

The *Public Sector Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009* was enacted to provide various minor amendments to various Public Sector Superannuation Acts including the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1973*; *Governor of Tasmania Act 1982*; *Judges Contributory Pensions Act 1968*; *Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973*; *Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 1999*; *Retirement Benefits Act 1993*; *Solicitor-General Act 1983*; *Supreme Court Act 1887*; and *Supreme Court Act 1959*. All amendments relating to these acts have commenced.

The remaining provisions in the *Public Sector Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009* relate to instruments and legislation that have since expired or been repealed. Parts 7 and 8 of the Act relate to the former *Retirement Benefits (Parliamentary Superannuation) Regulations 2002*, which were repealed on 25 December 2012. Parts 11, 12 and 13 of the Act relate to the former *Retirement Benefits Regulations 2005*, which were repealed on 31 March 2017.

Given no other provisions remain in the Act, it is recommended that this Act be repealed.

I commend the Bill to the House.