

## FACT SHEET

### Coroner's Amendment Bill 2014

The Bill amends the *Coroners Act* 1995 by:

- (i) amending the definition of “reportable death” expressly to include some deaths which arise from medical care;
- (ii) amending the definition of “coroner” by deleting reference to obsolete provisions;
- (iii) clarifying the meaning of the terms “inquest” and “investigation”;
- (iv) rectifying an apparent inconsistency and vagueness in the conferral of jurisdiction to hold an inquest in differing circumstances;
- (v) repealing section 28(1)(f) on the basis that a coroner does not have jurisdiction to make findings of fault;
- (vi) replacing references to “the Crown” in section 60, 61, 62 and 63 with “the Director of Public Prosecutions” properly to express the role that the DPP has in the Coronial Court processes.