

CLAUSE NOTES

Legal Profession Amendment (Validation) Bill 2019

Clause 1: Short title

Short title of the Bill.

Clause 2: Commences

Provides that the Act commences on Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

Provides that the Principal Act to which the amendments apply is the *Legal Profession Act 2007*.

Clause 4: Section 36I amended (Application to Minister for payment from Guarantee Fund)

Amends the section 36I to provide that the Minister for Justice may invite applications from a relevant person.

Amends section 36I to include a definition of relevant person, which is defined to include: a Government Agency; a court, tribunal or similar person or body acting judicially; a person or body, however constituted, that provides legal services or other law related assistance or services and/or advice, or opinions, recommendations or reviews, on legal or law related matters affecting the State; and such other persons or bodies as may be prescribed.

Amends section 36I to include a definition of Government Agency.

Amends section 36I to provide that past applications made in respect of, or approvals of, a grant of money are not invalid only because they related to: persons or bodies that provided legal services, or other law related assistance or services, other than as part of a legal assistance scheme; they were a relevant person; and/or the body was not a person.

Clause 5: Repeal of Act

Provides that this Act is repealed a year after it commences in order to remove the empty shell of the Bill after its provisions have come into effect.