

## FACT SHEET

### *Expansion of House of Assembly Bill 2022*

This Bill amends both the *Constitution Act 1934* and the *Electoral Act 2004* to increase the proportional representation in the House of Assembly from 25 to 35 seats, to take effect as of the next election, and to strengthen public accountability and transparency regarding the appointment of a Minister or a Secretary to Cabinet.

The nature of the amendments to the *Constitution Act 1934* proposed in the Bill are:

- Amend the composition and constitution of the House of Assembly to increase the number of members from 25 to 35.
- Amend the number of members elected in each electorate from 5 to 7.
- Increase the limit on the number of Ministers of the Crown from 9 to 11, or, where a Secretary to Cabinet has been appointed, no more than 10.
- Amend the quorum of the House of Assembly by substituting 10 members for 14.
- Require that notice of the appointment of a Minister or the Secretary to Cabinet be advertised in the *Gazette* as soon as practicable after the appointment occurs.

The nature of the amendments to the *Electoral Act 2004* proposed in the Bill are to reflect the increase in the numbers in the House of Assembly from 25 to 35 members.

Subject to passing the Parliament, the amendments will take effect following the next expiration or dissolution of the House of Assembly.