

FACT SHEET

Repeal of Regulations Postponement Bill 2012

- The *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992* provides for the systematic repeal of subordinate legislation over a rolling 10-year period. If regulations are to continue to have effect they must be remade in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- Each year for a variety of reasons the Government needs to defer the repeal of a number of regulations that fall due for automatic repeal under the Subordinate Legislation Act.
- This Bill will postpone until 30 June 2014 the automatic repeal of the *Gas (Safety) Regulations 2002* and the *Gas Pipelines Regulations 2002* which are both due to expire during the next twelve (12) months to ensure that they can continue in operation past those dates.
- Deferring the automatic repeal of the regulations when necessary is essential for the effective operation of government and administration of legislation. The making of interim regulations to take effect between the automatic repeal of one set of regulations and the commencement of new regulations often under revised or new Acts can be an unnecessary waste of resources.