

FACT SHEET

AUDIT AMENDMENT BILL 2010

- The Act amends the *Audit Act 2008* to ensure that the Auditor-General is protected from liability in the event that a report is made public, before it has been given to Parliament, in cases when Parliament is not sitting.
- The Act also specifically ensures that the Auditor-General, or a person authorised by the Auditor-General, is protected from liability for acts done in good faith, irrespective of the discretionary or mandatory nature of the act undertaken or authorised.
- The Act also provides for the protection of certain types of sensitive information, which the Auditor-General determines should not be disclosed in a report. This is information that could prejudice an entities commercial interest, damage an investigation, prejudice a fair trial or damage intergovernmental relations.
- In such cases, the Act provides that the Auditor-General cannot be compelled to disclose sensitive information but that the Auditor-General may choose to include that sensitive information in a report to the Treasurer and the Public Accounts Committee.