

## CLAUSE NOTES

### *Sentencing Amendment (Assaults on Frontline Workers) Bill 2016*

**Clause 1: Short title**

Clause 1 cites the Bill as the *Sentencing Amendment (Assaults on Frontline Workers) Act 2016*.

**Clause 2: Commencement**

Clause 2 provides for the Act to commence on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

**Clause 3: Principal Act**

Clause 3 provides that the Principal Act to which the amendments apply is the *Sentencing Act 1997* (the Act).

**Clause 4: Section 16A amended**

Clause 4 amends section 16A of the Act.

At present, section 16A of the Act provides for mandatory minimum sentences of six months' imprisonment for offences that result in serious bodily harm to police officers in certain circumstances.

Clause 4 inserts new subsection (1AA) into section 16A of the Act.

New subsection (1AA) will define ambulance officers, correctional services officers, medical or social services officers, and police officers as frontline workers for the purposes of section 16A.

Clause 4 also amends existing paragraphs 16A(1)(a) and (b) and subsection (2) of the Act by replacing the term 'police officer' with 'frontline worker'.

Clause 4, paragraph (e) inserts new subsections 16A(10) and (11) into the Act.

New subsections 16A(10) and (11) define when certain categories of frontline workers are taken to be on duty for the purposes of section 16A.

**Clause 5: Repeal of Act**

Clause 5 inserts a standard repeal provision to remove the empty shell of the Bill after all its provisions have been transferred and have come into effect in the Principal Act.