

FACT SHEET

Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2022

The *Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2022* amends the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* to provide for a statutory public holiday to commemorate the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Bill makes provision for this amendment to be retrospective and deemed to have commenced on 11 September 2022, being the date of the Prime Minister's announcement of the national public holiday.

The Bill also contains provision for this subsection to be removed from the Principal Act on 31 December 2022, once the statutory holiday has occurred and the subsection is no longer required.

The amendment was required as the mechanism to declare a statutory holiday in section 5 of the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* could not be used in the time available.