

## **FACT SHEET**

### **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (FIREARMS) BILL** **2013**

The *Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms) Bill 2013* amends the *Criminal Code Act 1924* by inserting four new offences in relation to firearms.

Three of the offences are presently contained in the Firearms Act and are now being included in the Code to signify the gravity with which these crimes are regarded. They will be punishable by up to 21 years imprisonment.

These offences are: “recklessly discharging a firearm”, “possession or use of firearm or firearm part by person subject to a firearms prohibition order” and “selling or giving possession of firearm or firearm part to a person who is subject to a firearms prohibition order”.

An additional specific offence will also be introduced for: “stealing a firearm or firearm part”.