

FACT SHEET

Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill 2025

The *Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill 2025* amends the *Custodial Inspector Act 2016* to enact several recommendations made by the custodial inspector over a series of annual reports.

The bill provides that it is an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding 240 penalty units, or two years in prison, or both, to take certain detrimental actions against a person or their career in retaliation for the provision of information.

The protections for the provision of information are extended to include disclosure of information for the purposes of the Act, so long as the disclosure was done in good faith.

Allowance is also made for information sharing with other public authority or the responsible Minister.

The bill provides that functions or powers can be delegated to any person appointed by the Inspector for the purposes of the carrying out of an inspection, to ensure that requirements for advanced notice to not prevent unannounced inspections.

Provisions relating to the tabling of inspection reports are also amended to reassign responsibility for tabling an inspection report from the Minister to the Custodial Inspector, and to shorten the period in which the report is to be tabled from 30 days after providing the Minister with a copy, to 7.

The bill also clarifies that officers of the Inspector have access to prisoners and detainees.