

## CLAUSE NOTES

### *Sentencing Amendment (Assault of Certain Frontline Workers) Bill 2019*

#### **Clause 1: Short title**

Clause 1 cites the Act as the *Sentencing Amendment (Assault of Certain Frontline Workers) Act 2019*.

#### **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) defines 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 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.