

FACT SHEET

Justice Miscellaneous (Removal of Outdated Sex Terminology) Bill 2023

The purpose of this Bill is to contemporise terminology in several justice-related Acts.

The Bill amends the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*, the *Court Security Act 2017* and the *Youth Justice Act 1997* by removing the term 'intersex' and where necessary replacing it with contemporary terminology which refers to innate variations of sex characteristics.

The Bill also omits section 3(2) of the *Public Trustee Act 1930* to remove a provision that refers to the 'neuter gender' which is a particularly outdated term. Section 24A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* provides an overarching provision for interpretation of references of gender, so subsection (2) is redundant.

The Bill does not change the legal policy reflected in the legislation being amended, but modernises the language being used.