

CLAUSE NOTES

Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025

Clause 1 Short title

Specifies the name of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 Commencement

Provides that the Act commences on Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Principal Act

Provides that the 'Principal Act' being amended is the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970*.

Clause 4 Section 2 amended (Constitution of Committee)

Section 2 outlines the constitution of the Public Accounts Committee.

Under the proposed amendment, the number of Committee members would be increased from six (three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council) to eight (four from the House of Assembly and four from the Legislative Council).

In addition, this clause also proposes an amendment to require that, in relation to Committee members from the House of Assembly, at least one member of any political party that has three or more members in the House of Assembly is to be a member of the Committee.

Clause 5 Section 4 amended (Proceedings of Committee)

Section 4 outlines the proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee.

Under the proposed amendment, the number of members who constitute a quorum of the Committee will be increased from any four to any six members.

Clause 6 Repeal of Act

Provides for the repeal of the proposed Act on the first anniversary of the day on which it commences.