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**Audit and Parliamentary Committees  
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1992**

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**An Act to amend the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, the  
*Public Accounts Committee Act 1988* and the *Public Works  
Committee Act 1989***

*[Assented to 19 August 1992]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows.

## **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Audit and Parliamentary Committees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1992*.

## **PART 2—AMENDMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT ACT 1977**

### **Amended Act**

2. The *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* is amended as set out in this Part and Schedule 1.

### **Replacement of s.51 (Tenure of office)**

3. Section 51—

*omit, insert—*

#### **'Term of appointment**

'51.(1) Subject to this Act, the Auditor-General holds office for such term (not longer than 7 years) as is specified in the instrument of appointment.

'(2) A person appointed as Auditor-General is not eligible for reappointment.'

**Amendment of s.69 (Secrecy)**

4. After subsection 69(2)—

*insert—*

‘(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not prevent the disclosure of information to, or the giving of a document to—

- (a) the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts; or
- (b) the Parliamentary Committee of Public Works; or
- (c) the Criminal Justice Commission; or
- (d) a police officer, or a person or body responsible for the investigation or prosecution of offences, if the information or document relates to the investigation or prosecution of an offence; or
- (e) a court for the purposes of the prosecution of a person for an offence.

**PART 3—AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ACT 1988****Amended Act**

5. The *Public Accounts Committee Act 1988* is amended as set out in this Part and Schedule 2.

**Omission of s.22 (Certain evidence not admissible if against public interest)**

6. Section 22—

*omit.*

**Omission of s.23 (Secrecy provisions of Financial Administration and Audit Act preserved)**

7. Section 23—

*omit.*

**PART 4—AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE ACT 1989**

**Amended Act**

8. The *Public Works Committee Act 1989* is amended as set out in this Part and Schedule 3.

**Omission of s.29 (Certain evidence not admissible)**

9. Section 29—

*omit.*

**Omission of s.30 (Secrecy provisions of Financial Administration and Audit Act preserved)**

10. Section 30—

*omit.*

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **MINOR AMENDMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT ACT 1977**

section 2

**1. Section 5(1) (definitions “Local Authority”, “Premier”, “Public Service” and “Treasurer”)—**

*omit.*

## SCHEDULE 2

### MINOR AMENDMENTS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ACT 1988

section 5

**1. Section 4(1) (definitions “Crown Law Officer” and “Minister”)—**

*omit.*

**2. Section 4(2)—**

*omit.*

**3. Section 13(3)—**

*omit.*

**4. Section 43—**

*omit.*

**SCHEDULE 3****MINOR AMENDMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE ACT 1989**

section 8

**1. Section 3(1) (definitions “Crown Law Officer” and “Minister”)—***omit.***2. Section 3(2)—***omit.***3. Section 4—***omit, insert—***‘4. If the Governor in Council is satisfied that—****‘4. If the Governor in Council is satisfied that—**

- (a) a constructing authority operates in a competitive commercial environment in carrying out its functions; and
- (b) it is in the public interest that this Act not apply to the constructing authority.

the Governor in Council may, by regulation, declare that this Act does not apply to the constructing authority.’.

**4. Section 22(4)—***omit ‘29, 30’.*

## SCHEDULE 3 (continued)

**5. Section 53—***omit.***6. After section 54—***insert—***‘Regulations**

**‘55.** The Governor in Council may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.’.