



# **Parliamentary Service Amendment (Freedom of Information) Act 2013**

**No. 97, 2013**

**An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, and for related purposes**

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[Assented to 28 June 2013]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Parliamentary Service Amendment (Freedom of Information) Act 2013*.

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## **2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day this Act receives the Royal Assent.

## **3 Schedule(s)**

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*

#### **1 Before section 69**

Insert:

#### **68A Departments and office holders not prescribed authorities for Freedom of Information Act purposes**

None of the following is a prescribed authority for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*:

- (a) a Department of the Parliament that is established under this Act;
- (b) a person who holds, or performs the duties of, an office established under this Act.

#### **2 Transitional**

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* is taken to have had the effect it would have had if:

- (a) each Department of the Parliament established under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* had been taken not to have been a prescribed authority for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* at all times after the Department was established under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*; and
- (b) each person who held, or performed the duties of, an office established under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* had been taken not to have been a prescribed authority for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* by virtue of his or her holding, or performing the duties of, that office.

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House of Representatives on 29 May 2013  
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