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**An Act to amend the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*.**

[Assented to 14 October 2004]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Victims of Crime Amendment Act 2004*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**3. The Act amended**

The amendments in this Act are to the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*\*.

[\* Act No. 81 of 1994.

*For subsequent amendments see 2001 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 397.]*

**4. Section 4 inserted**

After section 3 the following section is inserted —

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**4. Information about victims, provision of by police and DPP**

(1) In this section —

“**Department**” means the department of the Public Service principally assisting the Minister in the administration of this Act;

“**DPP**” means the Director of Public Prosecutions appointed under the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1991*.

“**prescribed information**”, in relation to a victim, means —

- (a) the name, address, telephone number, age and ethnicity of the victim;
- (b) a description of the offence and an abridged description of the circumstances of its commission;

- (c) the name of the offender or alleged offender, if known;
  - (d) the name, rank and registered number of the member of the Police Force in charge of investigating the offence;
  - (e) the police station or office where information about the investigation of the offence is held;
  - (f) the status of the investigation and prosecution of the offence by the Police Force; and
  - (g) any information prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police may provide the chief executive officer of the Department with prescribed information in relation to a victim so that the Department can offer the victim the services it has available for victims.
- (3) The DPP may provide the chief executive officer of the Department with such information in relation to a victim as the DPP thinks fit so that the Department can offer the victim the services it has available for victims.
- (4) Any information provided under subsection (2) or (3) must be provided in confidence.
- (5) The provision of information under subsection (2) or (3) in confidence and in good faith does not constitute a breach of any written or other law.
- (6) Information provided under subsection (2) or (3) must not be used by the Department for purposes other than those specified in subsection (2) or (3).

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