WESTERN AUSTRALIA _____

LISTENING DEVICES AMENDMENT ACT 1996

No. 31 of 1996

AN ACT to amend the Listening Devices Act 1978.

[Assented to 6 September 1996.]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Listening Devices Amendment Act 1996.

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Commencement

2. This Act comes into operation on such day as is fixed by proclamation.

Principal Act

3. In this Act the *Listening Devices Act 1978*^{*} is referred to as the principal Act.

[* Act No. 26 of 1978. For subsequent amendments see 1995 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 128.]

Section 3 amended

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4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting before the definition of "listening device" the following definitions —

- "A-CC" means the Anti-Corruption Commission established under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 1988;
- "A-CC officer" means an officer or other employee appointed under section 6 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 1988;

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Section 4 amended

5. (1) After section 4 (3) (a) (i) of the principal Act the following subparagraph is inserted —

(ia) an A-CC officer acting in the course of the officer's duty if the officer has been authorized in writing to use a listening device by a member of the A-CC;

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" A-CC officer, ".

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Section 5A inserted

6. After section 5 of the principal Act the following section is inserted —

A-CC to report to Attorney General on request

5A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the A-CC shall furnish to the Attorney General on request a report containing such particulars as the Attorney General requires of the use of any listening device by any A-CC officer to overhear, record, monitor or listen to any private conversation to which the A-CC officer was not a party.

(2) A report under this section shall not disclose the details of information obtained by any particular use of a listening device.