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Part VIIIAA—Orders and injunctions binding third parties

Division 1—Preliminary

Subdivision A—Scope of this Part

90AA Object of this Part

The object of this Part is to allow the court, in relation to the property of a party to a marriage, to:

- (a) make an order under section 79 or 114; or
 - (b) grant an injunction under section 114;
- that is directed to, or alters the rights, liabilities or property interests of a third party.

90AB Definitions

In this Part:

marriage includes a void marriage.

third party, in relation to a marriage, means a person who is not a party to the marriage.

90AC This Part overrides other laws, trust deeds etc.

- (1) This Part has effect despite anything to the contrary in any of the following (whether made before or after the commencement of this Part):
 - (a) any other law (whether written or unwritten) of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory;
 - (b) anything in a trust deed or other instrument.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), nothing done in compliance with this Part by a third party in relation to a marriage is to be treated as

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resulting in a contravention of a law or instrument referred to in subsection (1).

90ACA This Part not to apply to certain annuities

The powers of the court under this Part do not apply to superannuation annuities (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*).

90AD Extended meaning of *matrimonial cause* and *property*

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a debt owed by a party to a marriage is to be treated as property for the purposes of paragraph (ca) of the definition of *matrimonial cause* in section 4.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 114(1)(e), *property* includes a debt owed by a party to a marriage.

90ADA Other provisions of this Act not affected by this Part

This Part does not affect the operation of any other provision of this Act.

Example: Paragraph 90AE(3)(e) and subsection 90AE(4) do not limit the operation of any other provisions of this Act that require or permit the court to take matters into account in making an order in proceedings under section 79.

Division 2—Orders under section 79

90AE Court may make an order under section 79 binding a third party

- (1) In proceedings under section 79, the court may make any of the following orders:
 - (a) an order directed to a creditor of the parties to the marriage to substitute one party for both parties in relation to the debt owed to the creditor;
 - (b) an order directed to a creditor of one party to a marriage to substitute the other party, or both parties, to the marriage for that party in relation to the debt owed to the creditor;
 - (c) an order directed to a creditor of the parties to the marriage that the parties be liable for a different proportion of the debt owed to the creditor than the proportion the parties are liable to before the order is made;
 - (d) an order directed to a director of a company or to a company to register a transfer of shares from one party to the marriage to the other party.
- (2) In proceedings under section 79, the court may make any other order that:
 - (a) directs a third party to do a thing in relation to the property of a party to the marriage; or
 - (b) alters the rights, liabilities or property interests of a third party in relation to the marriage.
- (3) The court may only make an order under subsection (1) or (2) if:
 - (a) the making of the order is reasonably necessary, or reasonably appropriate and adapted, to effect a division of property between the parties to the marriage; and
 - (b) if the order concerns a debt of a party to the marriage—it is not foreseeable at the time that the order is made that to make the order would result in the debt not being paid in full; and

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- (c) the third party has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order; and
- (d) the court is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is just and equitable to make the order; and
- (e) the court is satisfied that the order takes into account the matters mentioned in subsection (4).

(4) The matters are as follows:

- (a) the taxation effect (if any) of the order on the parties to the marriage;
- (b) the taxation effect (if any) of the order on the third party;
- (c) the social security effect (if any) of the order on the parties to the marriage;
- (d) the third party's administrative costs in relation to the order;
- (e) if the order concerns a debt of a party to the marriage—the capacity of a party to the marriage to repay the debt after the order is made;

Note: See paragraph (3)(b) for requirements for making the order in these circumstances.

Example: The capacity of a party to the marriage to repay the debt would be affected by that party's ability to repay the debt without undue hardship.

- (f) the economic, legal or other capacity of the third party to comply with the order;

Example: The legal capacity of the third party to comply with the order could be affected by the terms of a trust deed. However, after taking the third party's legal capacity into account, the court may make the order despite the terms of the trust deed. If the court does so, the order will have effect despite those terms (see section 90AC).

- (g) if, as a result of the third party being accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order, the third party raises any other matters—those matters;

Note: See paragraph (3)(c) for the requirement to accord procedural fairness to the third party.

- (h) any other matter that the court considers relevant.

Division 3—Orders or injunctions under section 114

90AF Court may make an order or injunction under section 114 binding a third party

- (1) In proceedings under section 114, the court may:
 - (a) make an order restraining a person from repossessing property of a party to a marriage; or
 - (b) grant an injunction restraining a person from commencing legal proceedings against a party to a marriage.
- (2) In proceedings under section 114, the court may make any other order, or grant any other injunction that:
 - (a) directs a third party to do a thing in relation to the property of a party to the marriage; or
 - (b) alters the rights, liabilities or property interests of a third party in relation to the marriage.
- (3) The court may only make an order or grant an injunction under subsection (1) or (2) if:
 - (a) the making of the order, or the granting of the injunction, is reasonably necessary, or reasonably appropriate and adapted, to effect a division of property between the parties to the marriage; and
 - (b) if the order or injunction concerns a debt of a party to the marriage—it is not foreseeable at the time that the order is made, or the injunction granted, that to make the order or grant the injunction would result in the debt not being paid in full; and
 - (c) the third party has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order or injunction; and
 - (d) for an injunction or order under subsection 114(1)—the court is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is proper to make the order or grant the injunction; and

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- (e) for an injunction under subsection 114(3)—the court is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is just or convenient to grant the injunction; and
 - (f) the court is satisfied that the order or injunction takes into account the matters mentioned in subsection (4).
- (4) The matters are as follows:
- (a) the taxation effect (if any) of the order or injunction on the parties to the marriage;
 - (b) the taxation effect (if any) of the order or injunction on the third party;
 - (c) the social security effect (if any) of the order or injunction on the parties to the marriage;
 - (d) the third party's administrative costs in relation to the order or injunction;
 - (e) if the order or injunction concerns a debt of a party to the marriage—the capacity of a party to the marriage to repay the debt after the order is made or the injunction is granted;
- Note: See paragraph (3)(b) for requirements for making the order or granting the injunction in these circumstances.
- Example: The capacity of a party to the marriage to repay the debt would be affected by that party's ability to repay the debt without undue hardship.
- (f) the economic, legal or other capacity of the third party to comply with the order or injunction;
- Example: The legal capacity of the third party to comply with the order or injunction could be affected by the terms of a trust deed. However, after taking the third party's legal capacity into account, the court may make the order or grant the injunction despite the terms of the trust deed. If the court does so, the order or injunction will have effect despite those terms (see section 90AC).
- (g) if, as a result of the third party being accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order or the granting of the injunction, the third party raises any other matters—those matters;
- Note: See paragraph (3)(c) for the requirement to accord procedural fairness to the third party.

(h) any other matter that the court considers relevant.

Division 4—Other matters

90AG Orders and injunctions binding on trustees

If an order or injunction binds a person in the capacity of trustee in relation to property, then the order or injunction is also binding (by force of this section) on any person who subsequently becomes the trustee.

90AH Protection for a third party

A third party in relation to a marriage is not liable for loss or damage suffered by any person because of things done (or not done) by the third party in good faith in reliance on an order or injunction made or granted by a court in accordance with this Part.

90AI Service of documents on a third party

- (1) If a document is required or permitted to be served for the purposes of this Part on a third party in relation to a marriage, the document may be served in any of the ways in which a document may be served under the applicable Rules of Court.
- (2) Subsection (1) is in addition to any other method of service permitted by law.

90AJ Expenses of third party

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if:
 - (a) the court has made an order or granted an injunction in accordance with this Part in relation to a marriage; and
 - (b) a third party in relation to the marriage has incurred expense as a necessary result of the order or injunction.
- (2) The court may make such order as it considers just for the payment of the reasonable expenses of the third party incurred as a necessary result of the order or injunction.

- (3) In deciding whether to make an order under subsection (2), subject to what the court considers just, the court must take into account the principle that the parties to the marriage should bear the reasonable expenses of the third party equally.
- (4) The regulations may provide, in situations where the court has not made an order under subsection (2):
 - (a) for the charging by the third party of reasonable fees to cover the reasonable expenses of the third party incurred as a necessary result of the order or injunction; and
 - (b) if such fees are charged—that each of the parties to the marriage is separately liable to pay the third party an amount equal to half of those fees; and
 - (c) for conferring jurisdiction on a particular court or courts in relation to the collection or recovery of such fees.

90AK Acquisition of property

- (1) The court must not make an order or grant an injunction in accordance with this Part if the order or injunction would:
 - (a) result in the acquisition of property from a person otherwise than on just terms; and
 - (b) be invalid because of paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.
- (2) In this section:

acquisition of property has the same meaning as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

just terms has the same meaning as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

Part VIIIA—Financial agreements

90A Definitions

In this Part:

dealt with includes the meaning given by subsection 90F(2).

marriage includes a void marriage.

90B Financial agreements before marriage

(1) If:

- (a) people who are contemplating entering into a marriage with each other make a written agreement with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (aa) at the time of the making of the agreement, the people are not the spouse parties to any other binding agreement (whether made under this section or section 90C or 90D) with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (b) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section;
- the agreement is a ***financial agreement***. The people may make the financial agreement with one or more other people.

(2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:

- (a) how, in the event of the breakdown of the marriage, all or any of the property or financial resources of either or both of the spouse parties at the time when the agreement is made, or at a later time and before divorce, is to be dealt with;
- (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties:
 - (i) during the marriage; or
 - (ii) after divorce; or
 - (iii) both during the marriage and after divorce.

(3) A financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain:

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- (a) matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (b) other matters.
- (4) A financial agreement (the ***new agreement***) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

90C Financial agreements during marriage

- (1) If:
- (a) the parties to a marriage make a written agreement with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (aa) at the time of the making of the agreement, the parties to the marriage are not the spouse parties to any other binding agreement (whether made under this section or section 90B or 90D) with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (b) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section;
- the agreement is a ***financial agreement***. The parties to the marriage may make the financial agreement with one or more other people.
- (2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
- (a) how, in the event of the breakdown of the marriage, all or any of the property or financial resources of either or both of the spouse parties at the time when the agreement is made, or at a later time and during the marriage, is to be dealt with;
 - (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties:
 - (i) during the marriage; or
 - (ii) after divorce; or
 - (iii) both during the marriage and after divorce.
- (2A) For the avoidance of doubt, a financial agreement under this section may be made before or after the marriage has broken down.
- (3) A financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain:

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- (a) matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (b) other matters.
- (4) A financial agreement (the ***new agreement***) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

90D Financial agreements after divorce order is made

- (1) If:
- (a) after a divorce order is made in relation to a marriage (whether it has taken effect or not), the parties to the former marriage make a written agreement with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (aa) at the time of the making of the agreement, the parties to the former marriage are not the spouse parties to any other binding agreement (whether made under this section or section 90B or 90C) with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (b) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section; the agreement is a ***financial agreement***. The parties to the former marriage may make the financial agreement with one or more other people.
- (2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
- (a) how all or any of the property or financial resources that either or both of the spouse parties had or acquired during the former marriage is to be dealt with;
 - (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties.
- (3) A financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain:
- (a) matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (b) other matters.

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- (4) A financial agreement (the *new agreement*) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

90DA Need for separation declaration for certain provisions of financial agreement to take effect

- (1) A financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement, to the extent to which it deals with how, in the event of the breakdown of the marriage, all or any of the property or financial resources of either or both of the spouse parties:
- (a) at the time when the agreement is made; or
 - (b) at a later time and before the termination of the marriage by divorce;

are to be dealt with, is of no force or effect until a separation declaration is made.

Note: Before the separation declaration is made, the financial agreement will be of force and effect in relation to the other matters it deals with (except for any matters covered by section 90DB).

- (1A) Subsection (1) ceases to apply if:
- (a) the spouse parties divorce; or
 - (b) either or both of them die.

Note: This means the financial agreement will be of force and effect in relation to the matters mentioned in subsection (1) from the time of the divorce or death(s).

- (2) A separation declaration is a written declaration that complies with subsections (3) and (4), and may be included in the financial agreement to which it relates.
- (3) The declaration must be signed by at least one of the spouse parties to the financial agreement.
- (4) The declaration must state that:
- (a) the spouse parties have separated and are living separately and apart at the declaration time; and

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- (b) in the opinion of the spouse parties making the declaration, there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.

- (5) In this section:

declaration time means the time when the declaration was signed by a spouse party to the financial agreement.

separated has the same meaning as in section 48 (as affected by section 49).

90DB Whether or when certain other provisions of financial agreements take effect

- (1) A financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement, to the extent to which it provides for a third party to contribute to the maintenance of a spouse party during the marriage, is of no force or effect.
- (2) A financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement, to the extent to which it provides for matters covered by paragraph 90B(3)(b) or 90C(3)(b), is of no force or effect unless and until the marriage breaks down.

90E Requirements with respect to provisions in financial agreements relating to the maintenance of a party or a child or children

A provision of a financial agreement that relates to the maintenance of a spouse party to the agreement or a child or children is void unless the provision specifies:

- (a) the party, or the child or children, for whose maintenance provision is made; and
- (b) the amount provided for, or the value of the portion of the relevant property attributable to, the maintenance of the party, or of the child or each child, as the case may be.

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90F Certain provisions in agreements

- (1) No provision of a financial agreement excludes or limits the power of a court to make an order in relation to the maintenance of a party to a marriage if subsection (1A) applies.
- (1A) This subsection applies if the court is satisfied that, when the agreement came into effect, the circumstances of the party were such that, taking into account the terms and effect of the agreement, the party was unable to support himself or herself without an income tested pension, allowance or benefit.
- (2) To avoid doubt, a provision in an agreement made as mentioned in subsection 90B(1), 90C(1) or 90D(1) that provides for property or financial resources owned by a spouse party to the agreement to continue in the ownership of that party is taken, for the purposes of that section, to be a provision with respect to how the property or financial resources are to be dealt with.

90G When financial agreements are binding

- (1) Subject to subsection (1A), a financial agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement if, and only if:
 - (a) the agreement is signed by all parties; and
 - (b) before signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner about the effect of the agreement on the rights of that party and about the advantages and disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided, to that party of making the agreement; and
 - (c) either before or after signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with a signed statement by the legal practitioner stating that the advice referred to in paragraph (b) was provided to that party (whether or not the statement is annexed to the agreement); and
 - (ca) a copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (c) that was provided to a spouse party is given to the other spouse party or to a legal practitioner for the other spouse party; and

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- (d) the agreement has not been terminated and has not been set aside by a court.

Note: For the manner in which the contents of a financial agreement may be proved, see section 48 of the *Evidence Act 1995*.

(1A) A financial agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement if:

- (a) the agreement is signed by all parties; and
- (b) one or more of paragraphs (1)(b), (c) and (ca) are not satisfied in relation to the agreement; and
- (c) a court is satisfied that it would be unjust and inequitable if the agreement were not binding on the spouse parties to the agreement (disregarding any changes in circumstances from the time the agreement was made); and
- (d) the court makes an order under subsection (1B) declaring that the agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement; and
- (e) the agreement has not been terminated and has not been set aside by a court.

(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (1A)(d), a court may make an order declaring that a financial agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement, upon application (the ***enforcement application***) by a spouse party seeking to enforce the agreement.

(1C) To avoid doubt, section 90KA applies in relation to the enforcement application.

(2) A court may make such orders for the enforcement of a financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement as it thinks necessary.

90H Effect of death of party to financial agreement

A financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement continues to operate despite the death of a party to the agreement and operates in favour of, and is binding on, the legal personal representative of that party.

90J Termination of financial agreement

- (1) The parties to a financial agreement may terminate the agreement only by:
 - (a) including a provision to that effect in another financial agreement as mentioned in subsection 90B(4), 90C(4) or 90D(4); or
 - (b) making a written agreement (a *termination agreement*) to that effect.
- (2) Subject to subsection (2A), a termination agreement is binding on the parties if, and only if:
 - (a) the agreement is signed by all parties to the agreement; and
 - (b) before signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner about the effect of the agreement on the rights of that party and about the advantages and disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided, to that party of making the agreement; and
 - (c) either before or after signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with a signed statement by the legal practitioner stating that the advice referred to in paragraph (b) was provided to that party (whether or not the statement is annexed to the agreement); and
 - (ca) a copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (c) that was provided to a spouse party is given to the other spouse party or to a legal practitioner for the other spouse party; and
 - (d) the agreement has not been set aside by a court.
- (2A) A termination agreement is binding on the parties if:
 - (a) the agreement is signed by all parties to the agreement; and
 - (b) one or more of paragraphs (2)(b), (c) and (ca) are not satisfied in relation to the agreement; and
 - (c) a court is satisfied that it would be unjust and inequitable if the agreement were not binding on the spouse parties to the agreement (disregarding any changes in circumstances from the time the agreement was made); and

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- (d) the court makes an order under subsection (2B) declaring that the agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement; and
 - (e) the agreement has not been set aside by a court.
- (2B) For the purposes of paragraph (2A)(d), a court may make an order declaring that a termination agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement, upon application (the ***enforcement application***) by a spouse party seeking to enforce the agreement.
- (2C) To avoid doubt, section 90KA applies in relation to the enforcement application.
- (3) A court may, on an application by a person who was a party to the financial agreement that has been terminated, or by any other interested person, make such order or orders (including an order for the transfer of property) as it considers just and equitable for the purpose of preserving or adjusting the rights of persons who were parties to that financial agreement and any other interested persons.

Note: For the manner in which the contents of a financial agreement may be proved, see section 48 of the *Evidence Act 1995*.

90K Circumstances in which court may set aside a financial agreement or termination agreement

- (1) A court may make an order setting aside a financial agreement or a termination agreement if, and only if, the court is satisfied that:
- (a) the agreement was obtained by fraud (including non-disclosure of a material matter); or
 - (aa) a party to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding or defeating a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (ii) with reckless disregard of the interests of a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (ab) a party (the ***agreement party***) to the agreement entered into the agreement:

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- (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding another person who is a party to a de facto relationship with a spouse party; or
 - (ii) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defeating the interests of that other person in relation to any possible or pending application for an order under section 90SM, or a declaration under section 90SL, in relation to the de facto relationship; or
 - (iii) with reckless disregard of those interests of that other person; or
 - (b) the agreement is void, voidable or unenforceable; or
 - (c) in the circumstances that have arisen since the agreement was made it is impracticable for the agreement or a part of the agreement to be carried out; or
 - (d) since the making of the agreement, a material change in circumstances has occurred (being circumstances relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the marriage) and, as a result of the change, the child or, if the applicant has caring responsibility for the child (as defined in subsection (2)), a party to the agreement will suffer hardship if the court does not set the agreement aside; or
 - (e) in respect of the making of a financial agreement—a party to the agreement engaged in conduct that was, in all the circumstances, unconscionable; or
 - (f) a payment flag is operating under Part VIIIB on a superannuation interest covered by the agreement and there is no reasonable likelihood that the operation of the flag will be terminated by a flag lifting agreement under that Part; or
 - (g) the agreement covers at least one superannuation interest that is an unsplittable interest for the purposes of Part VIIIB.
- (1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(aa), **creditor**, in relation to a party to the agreement, includes a person who could reasonably have been foreseen by the party as being reasonably likely to become a creditor of the party.

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- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), a person has ***caring responsibility*** for a child if:
 - (a) the person is a parent of the child with whom the child lives;
or
 - (b) a parenting order provides that:
 - (i) the child is to live with the person; or
 - (ii) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
- (3) A court may, on an application by a person who was a party to the financial agreement that has been set aside, or by any other interested person, make such order or orders (including an order for the transfer of property) as it considers just and equitable for the purpose of preserving or adjusting the rights of persons who were parties to that financial agreement and any other interested persons.
- (4) An order under subsection (1) or (3) may, after the death of a party to the proceedings in which the order was made, be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (5) If a party to proceedings under this section dies before the proceedings are completed:
 - (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the applicable Rules of Court may make provision in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have exercised its powers under this section if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to exercise those powers;the court may make any order that it could have made under subsection (1) or (3); and
 - (c) an order under paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.

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- (6) The court must not make an order under this section if the order would:
- (a) result in the acquisition of property from a person otherwise than on just terms; and
 - (b) be invalid because of paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.
- For this purpose, *acquisition of property* and *just terms* have the same meanings as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

90KA Validity, enforceability and effect of financial agreements and termination agreements

The question whether a financial agreement or a termination agreement is valid, enforceable or effective is to be determined by the court according to the principles of law and equity that are applicable in determining the validity, enforceability and effect of contracts and purported contracts, and, in proceedings relating to such an agreement, the court:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), has the same powers, may grant the same remedies and must have the same regard to the rights of third parties as the High Court has, may grant and is required to have in proceedings in connection with contracts or purported contracts, being proceedings in which the High Court has original jurisdiction; and
- (b) has power to make an order for the payment, by a party to the agreement to another party to the agreement, of interest on an amount payable under the agreement, from the time when the amount became or becomes due and payable, at a rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court; and
- (c) in addition to, or instead of, making an order or orders under paragraph (a) or (b), may order that the agreement, or a specified part of the agreement, be enforced as if it were an order of the court.

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90L Financial and other agreements etc. not liable to duty

None of the following is subject to any duty or charge under any law of a State or Territory or any law of the Commonwealth that applies only in relation to a Territory:

- (a) a financial agreement;
- (b) a termination agreement;
- (c) a deed or other instrument executed by a person for the purposes of, or in accordance with, an order or financial agreement made under this Part.

90M Notification of proceeds of crime orders etc.

(1) If:

- (a) a person makes an application for an order, under this Part, with respect to:
 - (i) the property of the parties to a marriage or either of them; or
 - (ii) the maintenance of a party to a marriage; and
- (b) the person knows that the property of the parties to the marriage or either of them is covered by:
 - (i) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (ii) a forfeiture application;

the person must:

- (c) disclose in the application the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application; and
 - (d) give to the court a sealed copy of that order or application.
- (2) A person who does not comply with subsection (1) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.
- (3) If:
- (a) a person is a party to property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings under this Part; and

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- (b) the person is notified by the proceeds of crime authority that the property of the parties to the marriage or either of them is covered by:
 - (i) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (iii) a forfeiture application;
- the person must:
 - (c) notify the Registry Manager in writing of the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application; and
 - (d) give the Registry Manager:
 - (i) a copy of the notification referred to in paragraph (b) (if the notification is in writing); and
 - (ii) a copy of the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application (if the notification is accompanied by a copy of the order or application).
- (4) A person who does not comply with subsection (3) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

90N Court to stay property or spousal maintenance proceedings affected by proceeds of crime orders etc.

- (1) A court in which property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings are pending must stay those proceedings if notified under section 90M in relation to the proceedings.
- (1A) The court may, before staying proceedings under subsection (1), invite or require the proceeds of crime authority to make submissions relating to staying the proceedings.
- (2) A court must, on the application of the proceeds of crime authority, stay property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings under this Part if the property of the parties to the marriage or either of them is covered by:
 - (a) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (b) a forfeiture application.

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- (3) A court must notify the proceeds of crime authority if the court stays property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings under subsection (1) or (2).
- (4) The proceeds of crime authority must notify the Registry Manager if:
 - (a) a proceeds of crime order ceases to be in force; or
 - (b) a forfeiture application is finally determined.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4), a forfeiture application is taken to be finally determined when:
 - (a) the application is withdrawn; or
 - (b) if the application is successful—the resulting forfeiture order comes into force; or
 - (c) if the application is unsuccessful—the time within which an appeal can be made has expired and any appeals have been finally determined or otherwise disposed of.

90P Lifting a stay

- (1) A court that stayed the property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings under section 90N must wholly or partially lift the stay if:
 - (a) either party to the proceedings makes an application for the stay to be lifted and the proceeds of crime authority consents to such an application; or
 - (b) the proceeds of crime authority makes an application for the stay to be lifted.
- (2) A court that stayed the property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings under section 90N may, on its own motion, wholly or partially lift the stay if the proceeds of crime authority consents to such a motion.
- (3) Giving the Registry Manager written notice of the proceeds of crime authority's consent under this section is taken to be the giving of that consent, unless the court requires the authority to

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appear in the proceedings. The notice may be given by the authority or by a party to the proceedings.

90Q Intervention by proceeds of crime authority

- (1) The proceeds of crime authority may intervene in any property settlement or spousal maintenance proceedings in relation to which a court is notified under section 90M, or in any proceedings under section 90N or 90P in which the authority is not already a party.
- (2) If the proceeds of crime authority intervenes, the authority is taken to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

Part VIIIAB—Financial matters relating to de facto relationships

Division 1—Preliminary

Subdivision A—Meaning of key terms

90RA Participating jurisdictions

Participating jurisdictions

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the following are the ***participating jurisdictions***:
- (a) each referring State;
 - (b) each Territory.

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- (2) A State is a ***referring State*** if:
- (a) the Parliament of the State has referred, or refers, to the Parliament of the Commonwealth financial matters relating to the parties to de facto relationships arising out of the breakdown of those de facto relationships; and
 - (b) the referral of the financial matters is made:
 - (i) for the purposes of paragraph 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution; and
 - (ii) to the extent that the financial matters are not otherwise included in the legislative powers of the Parliament of the Commonwealth (otherwise than by a reference under paragraph 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution).

This subsection has effect subject to subsection (5).

- (3) To avoid doubt, a State is not a ***referring State*** if its Parliament has referred, or refers, to the Parliament of the Commonwealth only a limited class of the matters referred to in paragraph (2)(a).

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Note: Western Australia is not a **referring State**. Part VIIC applies if the Parliament of Western Australia has referred to the Parliament of the Commonwealth superannuation matters relating to de facto partners (see paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b) of the *Commonwealth Powers (De Facto Relationships) Act 2006* (WA)).

- (4) A State is a **referring State** even if a law of the State provides that a reference to the Commonwealth Parliament described in subsection (2) is to terminate in particular circumstances.
- (5) A State ceases to be a **referring State** if the State's reference to the Commonwealth Parliament described in subsection (2) terminates.

90RB Meaning of *child of a de facto relationship*

For the purposes of this Part, a child is a ***child of a de facto relationship*** if the child is the child of both of the parties to the de facto relationship.

Note: To determine who is a child of a person see Subdivision D of Division 1 of Part VII.

Subdivision B—Relationship with State and Territory laws

90RC Relationship with State and Territory laws

De facto financial provisions

- (1) In this section:

de facto financial provisions means the following provisions:

- (a) this Part;
- (b) Part VIIIAA (as applied by section 90TA);
- (c) Part VIIIB, to the extent to which it relates to a superannuation interest to be allocated between the parties to a de facto relationship;
- (d) subsection 114(2A).

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State and Territory laws do not apply to financial matters

- (2) Parliament intends that the de facto financial provisions are to apply to the exclusion of any law of a State or Territory to the extent that the law:
- (a) deals with financial matters relating to the parties to de facto relationships arising out of the breakdown of those de facto relationships; and
 - (b) deals with those matters by referring expressly to de facto relationships (regardless of how the State or Territory law describes those relationships).

Note 1: If, for example, both this Part and a law of a non-referring State deal with the distribution of property between the parties to a de facto relationship that has broken down after the commencement of this section, then the parties can only seek to distribute the property under this Part. Subsection (2) has the effect of preventing the parties from seeking to distribute the property under the State law.

Note 2: For *de facto relationship*, see section 4AA.

Exception—insufficient link to a participating jurisdiction or Division 2 not applicable because of section 90SB

- (3) Despite subsection (2), Parliament does not intend that the de facto financial provisions are to apply to the exclusion of a law of a State or Territory in relation to a financial matter relating to the parties to a de facto relationship arising out of the breakdown of the relationship if:
- (a) a court cannot make an order under this Part in relation to that financial matter because of section 90SB, 90SD or 90SK; and
 - (b) there is no Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties dealing with that financial matter.

Example 1: Abbey and Bob are parties to a de facto relationship that has broken down, and have never been ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction. Subsection (3) has the effect that State law will govern financial matters arising out of the breakdown of their relationship.

Example 2: Cleo and Dan are parties to a de facto relationship that has broken down after the commencement of this section. Early in their relationship, they made a financial agreement under the law of a

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non-referring State, but later spent most of their relationship in a participating jurisdiction. Cleo and Dan now have a sufficient geographical link with a participating jurisdiction for either of them to apply for an order under this Part in relation to financial matters arising out of the breakdown of their relationship. This means that subsection (3) will not apply and that their financial agreement will not be enforceable under State law because of subsection (2). However, their financial agreement will be enforceable under this Part as a Part VIIIAB financial agreement (see section 90UE).

Exception—laws facilitating this Act

- (4) Despite subsection (2), Parliament does not intend that the de facto financial provisions are to apply to the exclusion of a law of a State or Territory to the extent that the law facilitates the operation of this Act.

Note: This Part is not intended to apply to the exclusion of, for example, a State law that deals with superannuation entitlements by acknowledging superannuation splitting under Part VIIIB of this Act.

Exception—prescribed State or Territory laws

- (5) Despite subsection (2), Parliament does not intend that the de facto financial provisions are to apply to the exclusion of a law of a State or Territory if the law is prescribed in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection.

**Subdivision C—Declarations about existence
of de facto relationships**

90RD Declarations about existence of de facto relationships

- (1) If:
- (a) an application is made for an order under section 90SE, 90SG or 90SM, or a declaration under section 90SL; and
 - (b) a claim is made, in support of the application, that a de facto relationship existed between the applicant and another person;

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the court may, for the purposes of those proceedings (the *primary proceedings*), declare that a de facto relationship existed, or never existed, between those 2 persons.

- (2) A declaration under subsection (1) of the existence of a de facto relationship may also declare any or all of the following:
- (a) the period, or periods, of the de facto relationship for the purposes of paragraph 90SB(a);
 - (b) whether there is a child of the de facto relationship;
 - (c) whether one of the parties to the de facto relationship made substantial contributions of a kind mentioned in paragraph 90SM(4)(a), (b) or (c);
 - (d) when the de facto relationship ended;
 - (e) where each of the parties to the de facto relationship was ordinarily resident during the de facto relationship.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

90RE Effect of declarations

- (1) A section 90RD declaration has effect as a judgment of the court.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act (other than Part VII), a section 90RD declaration has effect according to its terms.

90RF Applying for declarations

Any party to the primary proceedings may apply for a section 90RD declaration.

90RG Geographical requirement

A court may make a section 90RD declaration only if the court is satisfied that a person referred to in paragraph 90RD(1)(b), or both of those persons, were ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when the primary proceedings commenced.

90RH Setting aside declarations

- (1) If, in the primary proceedings, a person (the *affected person*) affected by a section 90RD declaration made in those proceedings applies under this subsection, and the court is satisfied that:
 - (a) a fact or circumstance has arisen that has not previously been disclosed to the court; and
 - (b) if the affected person was a party to the primary proceedings at the time the application for the declaration was made—the fact or circumstance was not within the affected person’s knowledge at that time;the court may do any of the following:
 - (c) vary the declaration;
 - (d) set the declaration aside;
 - (e) set the declaration aside and make another section 90RD declaration in substitution for the declaration so set aside.
- (2) The setting aside of a declaration does not affect anything done in reliance on the declaration while it remained in force.
- (3) If the court sets aside a section 90RD declaration, the court may, on application by the affected person or any other interested person, make such order or orders (including an order for the transfer of property) as it considers just and equitable for the purpose of placing as far as practicable any person affected by the setting aside of the declaration in the same position as that person would have been in if the declaration had not been made.

Division 1A—Duty of disclosure

90RI Duty of disclosure

Duty of disclosure in proceedings

- (1) Each party to a proceeding relating to financial or property matters of a de facto relationship (other than proceedings on appeal) has a duty to the court and to each other party to give full and frank disclosure, in a timely manner, of all information and documents relevant to:
 - (a) for a party to the relationship—the issues in the proceeding that relate to financial or property matters of the relationship; or
 - (b) for any other party to the proceeding—so much of the party's financial circumstances as are relevant to the issues in the proceeding that relate to financial or property matters of the relationship.
- (2) The duty under subsection (1) applies from the start of the proceeding and continues until the proceeding is finalised.

Note: Courts have a range of powers that may be exercised to impose consequences when a person fails to comply with their duty of disclosure. For example, a court might do any of the following:

 - (a) take the failure into account when making an order under section 90SM (alteration of property interests);
 - (b) make any orders with respect to costs or security for costs against the person that the court considers just, having regard to the failure;
 - (c) make any orders with respect to disclosure that the court considers appropriate;
 - (d) if an order made by the court is contravened—impose sanctions under section 112AD;
 - (e) punish the person under section 112AP for contempt;
 - (f) stay or dismiss all or part of the proceedings.
- (3) If a party has a litigation guardian, the duty under subsection (1) is taken to have been complied with if the litigation guardian complies with the duty to the extent they are capable of doing so.

- (4) The duty under subsection (1) does not apply to the respondent to an application that alleges a contravention of a court order or a contempt of court in relation to that application.

Duty of disclosure while preparing for proceedings

- (5) If separated parties to a de facto relationship are preparing for a proceeding relating to financial or property matters of the relationship (other than proceedings on appeal), each party has a duty to the other party to give full and frank disclosure, in a timely manner, of all information and documents relevant to the issues in the proposed proceeding that relate to financial or property matters of the relationship.
- (6) The duty under subsection (5) applies at any time while the party is preparing for the proceeding.

Note: If proceedings are instituted, consequences, as mentioned in the note beneath subsection (2), may apply to a person who has failed to comply with their duty of disclosure under subsection (5).

Financial or property matters of the relationship

- (7) Any of the following matters, so far as they relate to a de facto relationship, are **financial or property matters** of the relationship:
- (a) financial matters;
 - (b) matters that are or might become the subject of proceedings in a de facto financial cause;
 - (c) matters that are or might become the subject of proceedings under any of the following provisions of this Act:
 - (i) Division 7 of Part VII (child maintenance orders);
 - (ii) this Part (orders with respect to the maintenance of a party, or the property of the parties, to the relationship), other than Subdivision C of Division 1 (declarations about existence of de facto relationships);
 - (iii) section 90UM (orders setting aside a financial agreement or a termination agreement);
 - (iv) Part VIIIB (orders with respect to allocation of superannuation interests);

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- (v) section 106B (orders with respect to instruments or dispositions to defeat an existing or anticipated order in proceedings under this Act);
- (d) matters that are or might become the subject of proceedings under any of the following provisions of the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*:
 - (i) section 116 (orders for departure from administrative assessment in special circumstances);
 - (ii) section 123 (orders for provision of child support otherwise than in form of periodic amounts paid to carer);
 - (iii) section 129 (orders modifying orders under section 123A or 124).

Relevant information and documents

- (8) A party's duty to disclose information and documents is a duty to disclose information known to the party and documents that are or have been in the possession or under the control of the party.
- (9) A party's duty to disclose information and documents includes any information and documents prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court for the purposes of the duty.

Note: The duty to disclose is not limited to prescribed information and documents. The applicable Rules of Court may also prescribe other matters in relation to the duty of disclosure.

Practitioners' obligation to provide information etc.

- (10) A legal practitioner or family dispute resolution practitioner who engages with a separated party to a de facto relationship who is or might be subject to the duty in subsection (1) or (5) must:
 - (a) provide the party with information about:
 - (i) the duties of disclosure under this section and explain the circumstances in which they apply; and
 - (ii) potential consequences of the party not complying with the duties; and

- (b) encourage the party to take all necessary steps to comply with the duties.

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Subdivision A—Application of Division

90SA This Division does not apply to certain matters covered by binding financial agreements

- (1) This Division does not apply to any of the following matters to which a Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement applies:
 - (a) the maintenance of one of the spouse parties;
 - (b) the property of the spouse parties or of either of them;
 - (c) the financial resources of the spouse parties or of either of them.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to:
 - (a) proceedings between:
 - (i) a party to a de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship;with respect to the maintenance of the first-mentioned party after the breakdown of the de facto relationship; or
 - (b) proceedings between:
 - (i) a party to a de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship;with respect to the distribution, after the breakdown of the de facto relationship, of any vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party.
- (3) Despite subsection (1), a party to a de facto relationship is not prevented from bringing property settlement proceedings under this Part if a Part VIIIAB financial agreement is not binding on that party.

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Example: Before Amy and Ben's de facto relationship breaks down, Ben and Cathy make a Part VIIIAB financial agreement. Ben and Cathy's Part VIIIAB financial agreement does not prevent Amy from bringing property settlement proceedings against Ben.

- (4) Section 90RI has effect regardless of subsection (1) of this section.

90SB When this Division applies—length of relationship etc.

A court may make an order under section 90SE, 90SG or 90SM, or a declaration under section 90SL, in relation to a de facto relationship only if the court is satisfied:

- (a) that the period, or the total of the periods, of the de facto relationship is at least 2 years; or
- (b) that there is a child of the de facto relationship; or
- (c) that:
 - (i) the party to the de facto relationship who applies for the order or declaration made substantial contributions of a kind mentioned in paragraph 90SM(4)(a), (b) or (c); and
 - (ii) a failure to make the order or declaration would result in serious injustice to the applicant; or
- (d) that the relationship is or was registered under a prescribed law of a State or Territory.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

90SC This Division ceases to apply in relation to a de facto relationship if the parties marry each other

- (1) This Division (other than subsections 90SJ(2) to (5)) ceases to apply in relation to a de facto relationship if the parties to the de facto relationship later marry each other.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a declaration, order or injunction:
 - (a) made in property settlement proceedings under this Division in relation to the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) in force when the parties marry each other;

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may, after the marriage, be enforced, varied or set aside in accordance with this Act.

- (3) If a declaration, order or injunction is set aside as described in subsection (2), another declaration, order or injunction may be made under this Division in substitution for that declaration, order or injunction.

Subdivision B—Maintenance

90SD Geographical requirement

- (1) A court may make an order under section 90SE or 90SG in relation to a de facto relationship only if the court is satisfied:
- (a) that either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when the application for the order was made (the *application time*); and
 - (b) that either:
 - (i) both parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident during at least a third of the de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) the applicant for the order made substantial contributions, in relation to the de facto relationship, of a kind mentioned in paragraph 90SM(4)(a), (b) or (c);in one or more States or Territories that are participating jurisdictions at the application time;
- or that the alternative condition in subsection (1A) is met.
- (1A) The alternative condition is that the parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when the relationship broke down.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), a State need not have been a participating jurisdiction during the de facto relationship.
- (3) If each State is a referring State, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, fix a day as the day on which paragraph (1)(b), and

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the alternative condition in subsection (1A), cease to apply in relation to new applications.

Note: Paragraph (1)(b) and subsection (1A) will continue to apply in relation to applications made before the proclaimed day.

- (4) If:
- (a) a Proclamation under subsection (3) is in force; and
 - (b) a State ceases to be a referring State on a particular day;
- the Proclamation is revoked by force of this subsection on and from that day.
- (5) If, under subsection (4), a Proclamation under subsection (3) is revoked:
- (a) this section has effect as if the revoked Proclamation had not been made; but
 - (b) the effect of the revoked Proclamation on applications made before the specified day is not affected.

90SE Power of court in maintenance proceedings

- (1) After the breakdown of a de facto relationship, a court may make such order as it considers proper for the maintenance of one of the parties to the de facto relationship in accordance with this Division.

Note 1: The geographical requirement in section 90SD must be satisfied.

Note 2: The court must be satisfied of at least one of the matters in section 90SB.

- (2) If:
- (a) an application is made for an order under this section in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to the maintenance of a party to the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the application was made, the party was a bankrupt;

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- (ii) after the application was made but before the proceedings are finally determined, the party became a bankrupt; and
 - (c) the bankruptcy trustee applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the bankrupt's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under this section in the proceedings;

the court must join the bankruptcy trustee as a party to the proceedings.
- (3) If, under subsection (2), a bankruptcy trustee is a party to proceedings with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the bankrupt party to the de facto relationship is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party.
- (4) The court must not grant leave under subsection (3) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.
- (5) If:
 - (a) an application is made for an order under this section in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to the maintenance of a party to the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship (the **debtor party**):
 - (i) when the application was made, the debtor party was a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
 - (ii) after the application was made but before it is finally determined, the debtor party becomes a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement; and
 - (c) the trustee of the agreement applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and

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- (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the debtor party's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under this section in the proceedings;
the court must join the trustee of the agreement as a party to the proceedings.
- (6) If, under subsection (5), the trustee of a personal insolvency agreement is a party to proceedings with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the debtor party is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any property subject to the agreement.
- (7) The court must not grant leave under subsection (6) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.
- (8) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (5), an application for an order under this section is taken to be finally determined when:
 - (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) an order (other than an interim order) is made as a result of the application.

90SF Matters to be taken into consideration in relation to maintenance

- (1) In exercising jurisdiction under section 90SE (after being satisfied of the matters in subsections 44(5) and (6) and sections 90SB and 90SD), the court must apply the principle that a party to a de facto relationship must maintain the other party to the de facto relationship:
 - (a) only to the extent that the first-mentioned party is reasonably able to do so; and
 - (b) only if the second-mentioned party is unable to support himself or herself adequately whether:
 - (i) by reason of having the care of a child of the de facto relationship who has not attained the age of 18 years; or

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- (ii) by reason of age or physical or mental incapacity for appropriate gainful employment; or
- (iii) for any other adequate reason.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

- (2) In applying this principle, the court must take into account only the matters referred to in subsection (3).
- (3) The matters to be so taken into account are:
 - (aa) the effect of any family violence, to which one party has subjected or exposed the other party, including on any of the matters mentioned elsewhere in this subsection; and
 - (a) the age and state of health of each of the parties to the de facto relationship (the *subject de facto relationship*); and
 - (b) the income, property and financial resources of each of the parties and the physical and mental capacity of each of them for appropriate gainful employment; and
 - (c) the extent to which either party has the care of a child of the subject de facto relationship who has not attained the age of 18 years, including the need of either party to provide appropriate housing for such a child; and
 - (d) commitments of each of the parties that are necessary to enable the party to support:
 - (i) himself or herself; and
 - (ii) a child or another person that the party has a duty to maintain; and
 - (e) the responsibilities of either party to support any other person; and
 - (f) subject to subsection (4), the eligibility of either party for a pension, allowance or benefit under:
 - (i) any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or Territory or of another country; or
 - (ii) any superannuation fund or scheme, whether the fund or scheme was established, or operates, within or outside Australia;

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and the rate of any such pension, allowance or benefit being paid to either party; and

- (g) a standard of living that in all the circumstances is reasonable; and
- (h) the extent to which the payment of maintenance to the party whose maintenance is under consideration would increase the earning capacity of that party by enabling that party to undertake a course of education or training or to establish himself or herself in a business or otherwise to obtain an adequate income; and
- (i) the effect of any proposed order on the ability of a creditor of a party to recover the creditor's debt, so far as that effect is relevant; and
- (j) the extent to which the party whose maintenance is under consideration has contributed to the income, earning capacity, property and financial resources of the other party; and
- (k) the duration of the subject de facto relationship and the extent to which it has affected the earning capacity of the party whose maintenance is under consideration; and
- (l) the need to protect a party who wishes to continue that party's role as a parent; and
- (m) if either party is cohabiting with another person—the financial circumstances relating to the cohabitation; and
- (n) the terms of any order made or proposed to be made under section 90SM in relation to:
 - (i) the property of the parties; or
 - (ii) vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party; and
- (o) the terms of any order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under this Part in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship (in relation to another de facto relationship); or
 - (ii) a person who is a party to another de facto relationship with a party to the subject de facto relationship; or

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- (iii) the property of a person covered by subparagraph (i) and of a person covered by subparagraph (ii), or of either of them; or
 - (iv) vested bankruptcy property in relation to a person covered by subparagraph (i) or (ii); and
 - (p) the terms of any order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under Part VIII in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) a person who is a party to a marriage with a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
 - (iii) the property of a person covered by subparagraph (i) and of a person covered by subparagraph (ii), or of either of them; or
 - (iv) vested bankruptcy property in relation to a person covered by subparagraph (i) or (ii); and
 - (q) any child support under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* that a party to the subject de facto relationship has provided, is to provide, or might be liable to provide in the future, for a child of the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (s) the terms of any Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on either or both of the parties to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (t) the terms of any financial agreement that is binding on a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (u) any other fact or circumstance which, in the opinion of the court, the justice of the case requires to be taken into account.
- (4) In exercising its jurisdiction under section 90SE, a court must disregard any entitlement of the party whose maintenance is under consideration to an income tested pension, allowance or benefit.

90SG Urgent maintenance cases

If, in proceedings with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in accordance with this Division, it appears to the court that:

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- (a) the party is in immediate need of financial assistance; and
 - (b) it is not practicable in the circumstances to determine immediately what order, if any, should be made;
- the court may order the payment, pending the disposal of the proceedings, of such periodic sum or other sums as the court considers reasonable.

Note 1: The geographical requirement in section 90SD must be satisfied.

Note 2: The court must be satisfied of at least one of the matters in section 90SB.

90SH Specification in orders of payments etc. for maintenance purposes

(1) If:

- (a) a court makes an order under this Act (whether or not the order is made in proceedings in relation to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in accordance with this Division, is made by consent or varies an earlier order), and the order has the effect of requiring:
 - (i) payment of a lump sum, whether in one amount or by instalments; or
 - (ii) the transfer or settlement of property; and
- (b) the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the payment, transfer or settlement is to make provision for the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in relation to the breakdown of the de facto relationship;

the court must:

- (c) express the order to be an order to which this section applies; and
- (d) specify the portion of the payment, or the value of the portion of the property, attributable to the maintenance of the party.

(2) If:

- (a) a court makes an order of a kind referred to in paragraph (1)(a); and
- (b) the order:

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- (i) is not expressed to be an order to which this section applies; or
 - (ii) is expressed to be an order to which this section applies, but does not comply with paragraph (1)(d);
- any payment, transfer or settlement of a kind referred to in paragraph (1)(a), that the order has the effect of requiring, must be taken not to make provision for the maintenance of a party to the relevant de facto relationship.

90SI Modification of maintenance orders

- (1) If there is in force an order with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in accordance with this Division:
 - (a) made by the court; or
 - (b) made by another court and registered in the first-mentioned court in accordance with the applicable Rules of Court;the court may:
 - (c) discharge the order if there is any just cause for so doing; or
 - (d) suspend its operation wholly or in part and either until further order or until a fixed time or the happening of some future event; or
 - (e) revive wholly or in part an order suspended under paragraph (d); or
 - (f) subject to subsection (3), vary the order so as to increase or decrease any amount ordered to be paid or in any other manner.
- (2) The court's jurisdiction under subsection (1) may be exercised:
 - (a) in any case—in proceedings with respect to the maintenance of a party to the de facto relationship in accordance with this Division; or
 - (b) if there is a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship—on the application of the bankruptcy trustee; or
 - (c) if a party to the de facto relationship is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement—on the application of the trustee of the agreement.

- (3) The court must not make an order increasing or decreasing an amount ordered to be paid by an order unless it is satisfied:
- (a) that, since the order was made or last varied:
 - (i) the circumstances of a person for whose benefit the order was made have so changed (including the person entering into a stable and continuing de facto relationship); or
 - (ii) the circumstances of the person liable to make payments under the order have so changed; or
 - (iii) in the case of an order that operates in favour of, or is binding on, a legal personal representative—the circumstances of the estate are such;
as to justify its so doing; or
 - (b) that, since the order was made, or last varied, the cost of living has changed to such an extent as to justify its so doing;
or
 - (c) in a case where the order was made by consent—that the amount ordered to be paid is not proper or adequate; or
 - (d) that:
 - (i) material facts were withheld from the court that made the order, or from a court that varied the order; or
 - (ii) material evidence previously given before such a court was false.
- (4) In satisfying itself for the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), the court must have regard to any changes that have occurred in the Consumer Price Index published by the Australian Statistician.
- (5) The court must not, in considering the variation of an order, have regard to a change in the cost of living unless at least 12 months have elapsed since the order was made or was last varied having regard to a change in the cost of living.
- (6) In satisfying itself for the purposes of paragraph (3)(c), the court must have regard to any payments, and any transfer or settlement of property, previously made by a party to the de facto relationship,

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or by the bankruptcy trustee of a party to the de facto relationship, to:

- (a) the other party; or
 - (b) any other person for the benefit of the other party.
- (7) An order decreasing the amount of a periodic sum payable under an order or discharging an order may be expressed to be retrospective to such date as the court considers appropriate.
- (8) If, as provided by subsection (7), an order decreasing the amount of a periodic sum payable under an order is expressed to be retrospective to a specified date, any money paid under the second-mentioned order since the specified date, being money that would not have been required to be paid under the second-mentioned order as varied by the first-mentioned order, may be recovered in a court having jurisdiction under this Act.
- (9) If, as provided by subsection (7), an order discharging an order is expressed to be retrospective to a specified date, any money paid under the second-mentioned order since the specified date may be recovered in a court having jurisdiction under this Act.
- (10) For the purposes of this section, the court must have regard to the provisions of section 90SF.
- (11) The discharge of an order does not affect the recovery of arrears due under the order at the time as at which the discharge takes effect.

90SJ Cessation of maintenance orders

- (1) An order with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in accordance with this Division ceases to have effect upon:
 - (a) the death of the party; or
 - (b) the death of the person liable to make payments under the order.

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- (2) An order with respect to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship in accordance with this Division ceases to have effect upon the marriage of the party unless in special circumstances a court having jurisdiction under this Act otherwise orders.
- (3) If a marriage referred to in subsection (2) takes place, it is the duty of the person for whose benefit the order was made to inform without delay the person liable to make payments under the order of the date of the marriage.
- (4) Any money paid in respect of a period after the event referred to in subsection (2) may be recovered in a court having jurisdiction under this Act.
- (5) Nothing in this section affects the recovery of arrears due under an order at the time when the order ceased to have effect.

Subdivision C—Declarations and alterations of property interests

90SK Geographical requirement

- (1) A court may make a declaration under section 90SL, or an order under section 90SM, in relation to a de facto relationship only if the court is satisfied:
 - (a) that either or both of parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when the application for the declaration or order was made (the ***application time***); and
 - (b) that either:
 - (i) both parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident during at least a third of the de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) the applicant for the declaration or order made substantial contributions in relation to the de facto relationship, of a kind mentioned in paragraph 90SM(4)(a), (b) or (c);

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in one or more States or Territories that are participating jurisdictions at the application time;
or that the alternative condition in subsection (1A) is met.

- (1A) The alternative condition is that the parties to the de facto relationship were ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when the relationship broke down.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), a State need not have been a participating jurisdiction during the de facto relationship.
- (3) If each State is a referring State, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, fix a day as the day on which paragraph (1)(b), and the alternative condition in subsection (1A), cease to apply in relation to new applications.

Note: Paragraph (1)(b) and subsection (1A) will continue to apply in relation to applications made before the proclaimed day.

- (4) If:
 - (a) a Proclamation under subsection (3) is in force; and
 - (b) a State ceases to be a referring State on a particular day;the Proclamation is revoked by force of this subsection on and from that day.
- (5) If, under subsection (4), a Proclamation under subsection (3) is revoked:
 - (a) this section has effect as if the revoked Proclamation had not been made; but
 - (b) the effect of the revoked Proclamation on applications made before the specified day is not affected.

90SL Declaration of interests in property

- (1) In proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship:
 - (a) after the breakdown of the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) with respect to existing title or rights in respect of property;the court may declare the title or rights, if any, that a party has in respect of the property.

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Note 1: The geographical requirement in section 90SK must be satisfied.

Note 2: The court must be satisfied of at least one of the matters in section 90SB.

- (2) If a court makes a declaration under subsection (1), it may make consequential orders to give effect to the declaration, including orders as to sale or partition and interim or permanent orders as to possession.

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Orders in property settlement proceedings

- (1) In property settlement proceedings after the breakdown of a de facto relationship, the court may, subject to subsection (6), make such order as it considers appropriate:
- (a) in the case of proceedings with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them—altering the interests of the parties to the de facto relationship in the property; or
 - (b) in the case of proceedings with respect to the vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship—altering the interests of the bankruptcy trustee in the vested bankruptcy property;
- including:
- (c) an order for a settlement of property in substitution for any interest in the property; and
 - (d) an order requiring:
 - (i) either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) the relevant bankruptcy trustee (if any);to make, for the benefit of either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship or a child of the de facto relationship, such settlement or transfer of property as the court determines.

Note 1: The geographical requirement in section 90SK must be satisfied.

Part VIIIAB Financial matters relating to de facto relationships

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Note 2: The court must be satisfied of at least one of the matters in section 90SB.

Note 3: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

Note 4: Subsection (6) relates to property that is a companion animal.

- (2) The court must not make an order under this section unless it is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is just and equitable to make the order.
- (3) In considering what order (if any) should be made under this section in property settlement proceedings, the court:
- (a) is to identify:
 - (i) the existing legal and equitable rights and interests in any property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (ii) the existing liabilities of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) is to take into account (except for the purpose of making an order with respect to the ownership of property that is a companion animal):
 - (i) the considerations set out in subsection (4) (considerations relating to contributions); and
 - (ii) the considerations set out in subsection (5) (considerations relating to current and future circumstances).

Note: See subsections (6) and (7) in relation to orders with respect to property that is a companion animal.

Considerations relating to contributions

- (4) For the purposes of subparagraph (3)(b)(i), the court is to take into account the following considerations, so far as they are relevant:
- (a) the financial contribution made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of a party to the de facto relationship, or a child of the de facto relationship:

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- (i) to the acquisition, conservation or improvement of any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) otherwise in relation to any of that last-mentioned property;
whether or not that last-mentioned property has, since the making of the contribution, ceased to be the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them;
 - (b) the contribution (other than a financial contribution) made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of a party to the de facto relationship, or a child of the de facto relationship:
 - (i) to the acquisition, conservation or improvement of any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) otherwise in relation to any of that last-mentioned property;
whether or not that last-mentioned property has, since the making of the contribution, ceased to be the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them;
 - (c) the contribution made by a party to the de facto relationship to the welfare of the family constituted by the parties to the de facto relationship and any children of the de facto relationship, including any contribution made in the capacity of homemaker or parent;
 - (ca) the effect of any family violence, to which one party to the de facto relationship has subjected or exposed the other party, on the ability of a party to the de facto relationship to make the kind of contributions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c);
 - (d) the effect of any proposed order upon the earning capacity of either party to the de facto relationship;
 - (f) any other order made under this Act affecting a party to the de facto relationship or a child of the de facto relationship;
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- (g) any child support under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* that a party to the de facto relationship has provided for a child of the de facto relationship.

Considerations relating to current and future circumstances

- (5) For the purposes of subparagraph (3)(b)(ii), the court is to take into account the following considerations, so far as they are relevant:
 - (a) the effect of any family violence, to which one party to the de facto relationship (the ***subject de facto relationship***) has subjected or exposed the other party, on the current and future circumstances of the other party, including on any of the matters mentioned elsewhere in this subsection;
 - (b) the age and state of health of each of the parties to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (c) the income, property and financial resources of each of the parties to the subject de facto relationship and the physical and mental capacity of each of them for appropriate gainful employment;
 - (d) the effect of any material wastage, caused intentionally or recklessly by a party to the subject de facto relationship, of property or financial resources of either of the parties to the subject de facto relationship or both of them;
 - (e) any liabilities incurred by either of the parties to the subject de facto relationship or both of them, including the nature of the liabilities and the circumstances relating to them;
 - (f) the extent to which either party to the subject de facto relationship has the care of a child of the de facto relationship who has not attained the age of 18 years, including the need of either party to provide appropriate housing for such a child;
 - (g) commitments of each of the parties to the subject de facto relationship that are necessary to enable the party to support themselves and any child or other person that the party has a duty to maintain;
 - (h) the responsibilities of either party to the subject de facto relationship to support any other person;
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- (i) the eligibility of either party to the subject de facto relationship for a pension, allowance or benefit under:
 - (i) any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or Territory or of another country; or
 - (ii) any superannuation fund or scheme, whether the fund or scheme was established, or operates, within or outside Australia;
 - (j) if either party to the subject de facto relationship is eligible for a pension, allowance or benefit as mentioned in paragraph (i)—the rate at which it is being paid to the party;
 - (k) a standard of living that in all the circumstances is reasonable;
 - (l) the extent to which an alteration of the interests of the parties to the subject de facto relationship in any property would enable a party to undertake education or establish a business or otherwise obtain an adequate income;
 - (m) the effect of any proposed order on the ability of a creditor of a party to the subject de facto relationship to recover the creditor's debt, so far as that effect is relevant;
 - (n) the extent to which each party to the subject de facto relationship has contributed to the income, earning capacity, property and financial resources of the other party;
 - (o) the duration of the subject de facto relationship and the extent to which it has affected the earning capacity of each party to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (p) the need to protect a party to the de facto relationship who wishes to continue that party's role as a parent;
 - (q) if either party to the subject de facto relationship is cohabiting with another person—the financial circumstances relating to the cohabitation;
 - (r) the terms of any order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under this Part in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship (in relation to another de facto relationship); or
 - (ii) a person who is a party to another de facto relationship with a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
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- (iii) the property of a person covered by subparagraph (i) and of a person covered by subparagraph (ii), or of either of them; or
- (iv) vested bankruptcy property in relation to a person covered by subparagraph (i) or (ii);
- (s) the terms of any order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under Part VIII in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) a person who is party to a marriage with a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
 - (iii) the property of a person covered by subparagraph (i) and of a person covered by subparagraph (ii), or of either of them; or
 - (iv) vested bankruptcy property in relation to a person covered by subparagraph (i) or (ii);
- (t) any child support under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* that a party to the subject de facto relationship is to provide, or might be liable to provide in the future, for a child of the subject de facto relationship;
- (u) the terms of any Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on either or both of the parties to the subject de facto relationship;
- (v) the terms of any financial agreement that is binding on a party to the subject de facto relationship;
- (w) any other fact or circumstance which, in the opinion of the court, the justice of the case requires to be taken into account.

Considerations relating to companion animals

- (6) In property settlement proceedings, so far as they are with respect to property that is a companion animal, the court may make an order (including a consent order or an interim order):
 - (a) that only one party to the de facto relationship, or only one person who has been joined as a party to the proceedings, is to have ownership of the companion animal; or

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(ab) that the companion animal be transferred to another person who has consented to the transfer; or

(b) that the companion animal be sold.

The court may not make any other kind of order under this section with respect to the ownership of the companion animal.

Note: For *companion animal*, see subsection 4(1).

(7) In considering what order (if any) should be made under this section with respect to the ownership of property that is a companion animal, the court is to take into account the following considerations, so far as they are relevant:

(a) the circumstances in which the companion animal was acquired;

(b) who has ownership or possession of the companion animal;

(c) the extent to which each party cared for, and paid for the maintenance of, the companion animal;

(d) any family violence to which one party has subjected or exposed the other party;

(e) any history of actual or threatened cruelty or abuse by a party towards the companion animal;

(f) any attachment by a party, or a child of the de facto relationship, to the companion animal;

(g) the demonstrated ability of each party to care for and maintain the companion animal in the future, without support or involvement from the other party;

(h) any other fact or circumstance which, in the opinion of the court, the justice of the case requires to be taken into account.

90SMA Other matters in relation to alteration of property interests

(1) The court must not make an order under this section unless it is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is just and equitable to make the order.

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Enforcement of order after death of party

- (2) If a party to the de facto relationship dies after the breakdown of the de facto relationship, an order made under section 90SM in property settlement proceedings may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.

Likely significant change in financial circumstances

- (5) Without limiting the power of any court to grant an adjournment in proceedings under this Act, if, in property settlement proceedings in relation to the parties to a de facto relationship, a court is of the opinion:

- (a) that there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them and that, having regard to the time when that change is likely to take place, it is reasonable to adjourn the proceedings; and
- (b) that an order that the court could make with respect to:
 - (i) the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) the vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt de facto party to the de facto relationship;if that significant change in financial circumstances occurs is more likely to do justice as between the parties to the de facto relationship than an order that the court could make immediately with respect to:
 - (iii) the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (iv) the vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship;

the court may, if so requested by either party to the de facto relationship or the relevant bankruptcy trustee (if any), adjourn the proceedings until such time, before the expiration of a period specified by the court, as that party to the de facto relationship or the relevant bankruptcy trustee, as the case may be, applies for the proceedings to be determined, but

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nothing in this subsection requires the court to adjourn any proceedings in any particular circumstances.

- (6) If a court proposes to adjourn proceedings as provided by subsection (5), the court may, before so adjourning the proceedings, make such interim order or orders or such other order or orders (if any) as it considers appropriate with respect to:
- (a) any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or of either of them; or
 - (b) any of the vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship.
- (7) The court may, in forming an opinion for the purposes of subsection (5) as to whether there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship, have regard to any change in the financial circumstances of a party to the de facto relationship that may occur by reason that the party to the de facto relationship:
- (a) is a contributor to a superannuation fund or scheme, or participates in any scheme or arrangement that is in the nature of a superannuation scheme; or
 - (b) may become entitled to property as the result of the exercise in his or her favour, by the trustee of a discretionary trust, of a power to distribute trust property;
- but nothing in this subsection limits the circumstances in which the court may form the opinion that there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of a party to the de facto relationship.

Death of party before property settlement proceedings complete

- (8) If a party to the de facto relationship dies after the breakdown of the de facto relationship, but before property settlement proceedings are completed:
- (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the applicable Rules of Court may make provision

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in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and

- (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have made an order with respect to property if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to make an order with respect to property;the court may make such order as it considers appropriate with respect to:
 - (iii) any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (iv) any of the vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt de facto party to the de facto relationship; and
- (c) an order made by the court pursuant to paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.

Attendance of parties at conference etc. before orders made

- (9) The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) must not make an order under section 90SM in property settlement proceedings (other than an order until further order or an order made with the consent of all the parties to the proceedings) unless:
 - (a) the parties to the proceedings have attended a conference in relation to the matter to which the proceedings relate with the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1); or
 - (b) the court is satisfied that, having regard to the need to make an order urgently, or to any other special circumstance, it is appropriate to make the order notwithstanding that the parties to the proceedings have not attended a conference as mentioned in paragraph (a); or
 - (c) the court is satisfied that it is not practicable to require the parties to the proceedings to attend a conference as mentioned in paragraph (a).

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Creditors etc. entitled to become party to proceedings

- (10) The following are entitled to become a party to proceedings in which an application is made for an order under section 90SM by a party to a de facto relationship (the ***subject de facto relationship***):
- (a) a creditor of a party to the proceedings if the creditor may not be able to recover his or her debt if the order were made;
 - (b) a person:
 - (i) who is a party to a de facto relationship (the ***other de facto relationship***) with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) who could apply, or has an application pending, for an order under section 90SM, or a declaration under section 90SL, in relation to the other de facto relationship;
 - (c) a person who is a party to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement (that is binding on the person) with a party to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (d) a person:
 - (i) who is a party to a marriage with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) who could apply, or has an application pending, for an order under section 79, or a declaration under section 78, in relation to the marriage (or void marriage);
 - (e) a person who is a party to a financial agreement (that is binding on the person) with a party to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (f) any other person whose interests would be affected by the making of the order.
- (11) Subsection (10) does not apply to a creditor of a party to the proceedings:
- (a) if the party is a bankrupt—to the extent to which the debt is a provable debt (within the meaning of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*); or

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- (b) if the party is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement—to the extent to which the debt is covered by the personal insolvency agreement.
- (12) If a person becomes a party to proceedings under section 90SM because of paragraph (10)(b), the person may, in the proceedings, apply for:
 - (a) an order under section 90SM; or
 - (b) a declaration under section 90SL;in relation to the other de facto relationship described in that paragraph.
- (13) If a person becomes a party to proceedings under section 90SM because of paragraph (10)(d), the person may, in the proceedings, apply for:
 - (a) an order under section 79; or
 - (b) a declaration under section 78;in relation to the marriage (or void marriage) described in that paragraph.

Bankruptcy trustee to become party to proceedings on application

- (14) If:
 - (a) an application is made for an order under section 90SM in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the application was made, the party was a bankrupt;
 - (ii) after the application was made but before it is finally determined, the party became a bankrupt; and
 - (c) the bankruptcy trustee applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and

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- (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the bankrupt's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under section 90SM in the proceedings;
the court must join the bankruptcy trustee as a party to the proceedings.
- (15) If a bankruptcy trustee is a party to property settlement proceedings in relation to the parties to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the bankrupt party to the de facto relationship is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party.
- (16) The court must not grant leave under subsection (15) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

Trustee of insolvency agreement to become party to proceedings on application

- (17) If:
- (a) an application is made for an order under section 90SM in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship (the **debtor party**):
 - (i) when the application was made, the party was a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
 - (ii) after the application was made but before it is finally determined, the party becomes a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement; and
 - (c) the trustee of the agreement applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the debtor party's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under section 90SM in the proceedings;

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the court must join the trustee of the agreement as a party to the proceedings.

- (18) If the trustee of a personal insolvency agreement is a party to property settlement proceedings in relation to the parties to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the party to the de facto relationship who is the debtor subject to the agreement is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any property subject to the agreement.
- (19) The court must not grant leave under subsection (18) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

When application is taken to be finally determined for the purposes of subsections (14) and (17)

- (20) For the purposes of subsections (14) and (17), an application for an order under section 90SM is taken to be finally determined when:
- (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) an order (other than an interim order) is made as a result of the application.

90SN Varying and setting aside orders altering property interests

- (1) If, on application by a person affected by an order made by a court under section 90SM in property settlement proceedings, the court is satisfied that:
- (a) there has been a miscarriage of justice by reason of fraud, duress, suppression of evidence (including failure to disclose relevant information), the giving of false evidence or any other circumstance; or
 - (b) in the circumstances that have arisen since the order was made it is impracticable for the order to be carried out or impracticable for a part of the order to be carried out; or
 - (c) a person has defaulted in carrying out an obligation imposed on the person by the order and, in the circumstances that have arisen as a result of that default, it is just and equitable to

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vary the order or to set the order aside and make another order in substitution for the order; or

- (d) in the circumstances that have arisen since the making of the order, being circumstances of an exceptional nature relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the de facto relationship, the child or, where the applicant has caring responsibility for the child (as defined in subsection (3)), the applicant, will suffer hardship if the court does not vary the order or set the order aside and make another order in substitution for the order; or
- (e) a proceeds of crime order has been made covering property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them, or a proceeds of crime order has been made against a party to the de facto relationship;

the court may, in its discretion, vary the order or set the order aside and, if it considers appropriate, make another order under section 90SM in substitution for the order so set aside.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

- (2) A court may, on application by a person affected by an order made by a court under section 90SM in property settlement proceedings, and with the consent of all the parties to the proceedings in which the order was made, vary the order or set the order aside and, if it considers appropriate, make another order under section 90SM in substitution for the order so set aside.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), a person has ***caring responsibility*** for a child if:
 - (a) the person is a parent of the child with whom the child lives; or
 - (b) a parenting order provides that:
 - (i) the child is to live with the person; or
 - (ii) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
- (4) An order varied or made under subsection (1) or (2) may, after the death of a party to the de facto relationship in relation to which the

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order was so varied or made, be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.

- (5) If, before proceedings under this section in relation to an order made under section 90SM are completed, a party to the de facto relationship dies:
- (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the applicable Rules of Court may make provision in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have exercised its powers under subsection (1) or (2) in relation to the order if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to exercise its powers under subsection (1) or (2) in relation to the order;the court may vary the order, set the order aside, or set the order aside and make another order under section 90SM in substitution for the order so set aside; and
 - (c) an order varied or made by the court pursuant to paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (6) In the exercise of its powers under subsection (1), (2) or (5), a court must have regard to the interests of, and must make any order proper for the protection of, a bona fide purchaser or other person interested.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a creditor of a party to the proceedings in which the order under section 90SM was made is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order if the creditor may not be able to recover his or her debt because the order has been made.

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- (8) For the purposes of this section, if:
- (a) an order is made by a court under section 90SM in proceedings with respect to the property of the parties to a de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the order was made, the party was a bankrupt;
 - (ii) after the order was made, the party became a bankrupt;
- the bankruptcy trustee is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.
- (9) For the purposes of this section, if:
- (a) a party to a de facto relationship is a bankrupt; and
 - (b) an order is made by a court under section 90SM in proceedings with respect to the vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party;
- the bankruptcy trustee is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.
- (10) For the purposes of this section, if:
- (a) an order is made by a court under section 90SM in proceedings with respect to the property of the parties to a de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the order was made, the party was a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
 - (ii) after the order was made, the party became a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
- the trustee of the agreement is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.

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Subdivision D—Notification of application

90SO Notifying third parties about application

The applicable Rules of Court may specify the circumstances in which a person who:

- (a) applies for an order under this Division; or
- (b) is a party to a proceeding for an order under this Division;

is to give notice of the application to a person who is not a party to the proceedings.

Note: The applicable Rules of Court may, for example, make provision for the notification of a person married to, or in a de facto relationship with, the applicant or respondent to the proceedings.

90SP Notifying bankruptcy trustee etc. about application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN

- (1) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a bankrupt who becomes a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN to give notice of the application to the bankruptcy trustee.
- (2) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement who becomes a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN to give notice of the application to the trustee of the agreement.

90SQ Notifying court about bankruptcy etc.

Bankruptcy

- (1) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
 - (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN; and

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(c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a bankrupt;
to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act that the person has become a bankrupt.

Debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement

- (2) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
- (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN; and
 - (c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
- to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act that the person has become a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement.

Institution of proceeding under the Bankruptcy Act 1966

- (3) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
- (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90SE, 90SL, 90SM or 90SN; and
 - (c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a party to a proceeding before the Federal Court or the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* that relates to:
 - (i) the bankruptcy of the person; or
 - (ii) the person's capacity as a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
- to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act of the institution of the proceeding under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.
- (4) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
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- (a) is the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to a de facto relationship; and
 - (b) the de facto relationship has broken down; and
 - (c) applies under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* for an order under Division 4A of Part VI of that Act;
- to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act of the making of the application.

When application finally determined

- (5) For the purposes of this section, an application for an order under section 90SE, 90SM or 90SN is taken to be finally determined when:
 - (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) an order (other than an interim order) is made as a result of the application.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, an application for a declaration under section 90SL is taken to be finally determined when:
 - (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) a declaration is made as a result of the application.

90SR Notifying non-bankrupt de facto party about application under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*

The applicable Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:

- (a) is the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to a de facto relationship; and
- (b) applies under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* for an order under Division 4A of Part VI of that Act in relation to an entity (other than the other party to the de facto relationship);

to notify the other party to the de facto relationship of the making of the application if that bankruptcy trustee is aware that the de facto relationship has broken down.

Subdivision E—Court powers

90SS General powers of court

General powers

- (1) The court, in exercising its powers under this Division, may do any or all of the following:
 - (a) order payment of a lump sum, whether in one amount or by instalments;
 - (b) order payment of a weekly, monthly, yearly or other periodic sum;
 - (c) order that a specified transfer or settlement of property be made by way of maintenance for a party to a de facto relationship;
 - (d) order that payment of any sum ordered to be paid be wholly or partly secured in such manner as the court directs;
 - (e) order that any necessary deed or instrument be executed and that such documents of title be produced or such other things be done as are necessary to enable an order to be carried out effectively or to provide security for the due performance of an order;
 - (f) appoint or remove trustees;
 - (g) order that payments be made direct to a party to the de facto relationship, to a trustee to be appointed or into court or to a public authority for the benefit of a party to the de facto relationship;
 - (h) make a permanent order, an order pending the disposal of proceedings or an order for a fixed term or for a life or during joint lives or until further order;
 - (i) impose terms and conditions;
 - (j) make an order by consent;
 - (k) make any other order, or grant any other injunction, (whether or not of the same nature as those mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this section) which it thinks it is necessary to make to do justice;

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Division 2 Maintenance, declarations of property interests and alterations of property interests

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- (1) subject to this Act and the applicable Rules of Court, make an order under this Division at any time before or after the making of a decree under another provision of this Act.

Note: The court also has specific powers in relation to third parties (see Division 3 of Part VIIIAB (as that Division has effect because of section 90TA)).

Limitation for orders or injunctions covered by section 90AF

- (2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to subsection 90AF(3) (as that subsection has effect because of section 90TA).

Note: An order or injunction made or granted under subsection (1) that is of a kind covered by subsection 90AF(1) or (2) can only be made or granted in accordance with subsection 90AF(3).

Maintenance orders

- (3) The making of an order of a kind referred to in paragraph (1)(c), or of any other order under this Division, in relation to the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship does not prevent a court from making a subsequent order in relation to the maintenance of the party.
- (4) The applicable Rules of Court may make provision with respect to the making of orders under this Division in relation to the maintenance of parties to de facto relationships (whether as to their form or otherwise) for the purpose of facilitating their enforcement and the collection of maintenance payable under them.

Injunctions

- (5) Without limiting paragraph (1)(k), the court may:
- (a) grant:
- (i) an interlocutory injunction; or
- (ii) an injunction in aid of the enforcement of a decree; in any case in which it appears to the court to be just or convenient to do so; and

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- (b) grant an injunction either unconditionally or upon such terms and conditions as the court considers appropriate.

Bankruptcy and insolvency

- (6) If a bankruptcy trustee is a party to a proceeding before the court, the court may make an order under paragraph (1)(e) directed to the bankrupt.
- (7) If the trustee of a personal insolvency agreement is a party to a proceeding before the court, the court may make an order under paragraph (1)(e) directed to the debtor subject to the agreement.
- (8) Subsections (6) and (7) do not limit paragraph (1)(e).
- (9) If a party to a de facto relationship is a bankrupt, a court may, on the application of the other party to the de facto relationship, by interlocutory order, grant an injunction under subsection (1) restraining the bankruptcy trustee from declaring and distributing dividends amongst the bankrupt's creditors.
- (10) If a party to a de facto relationship is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement, a court may, on the application of the other party to the de facto relationship, by interlocutory order, grant an injunction under subsection (1) restraining the trustee of the agreement from disposing of (whether by sale, gift or otherwise) property subject to the agreement.
- (11) Subsections (9) and (10) do not limit subsections (1) and (5).

90ST Duty of court to end financial relations

In proceedings under this Division, other than proceedings under section 90SL, the court must, as far as practicable, make such orders as will finally determine the financial relationships between the parties to the de facto relationship and avoid further proceedings between them.

Division 3—Orders and injunctions binding third parties

90TA Orders and injunctions binding third parties

- (1) In addition to the effect Part VIIIAA has apart from this section, that Part also has effect in relation to:
- (a) orders and injunctions under Division 2; and
 - (b) proceedings for orders or injunctions under Division 2;
- with the modifications provided for in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) Part VIIIAA has effect in accordance with subsection (1) as if the following substitutions were made:

Substitutions to be made		
Item	For a reference in Part VIIIAA to ...	substitute a reference to ...
1	marriage	de facto relationship
2	section 79	section 90SM
3	section 114	section 90SS
4	paragraph (ca) of the definition of <i>matrimonial cause</i>	paragraph (c) of the definition of <i>de facto financial cause</i>
5	orders or injunctions under section 114	orders or injunctions under Division 2 of Part VIIIAB
6	proceedings under section 114	proceedings under Division 2 of Part VIIIAB
7	an injunction under subsection 114(3)	an injunction covered by subsection 90SS(5)

- (3) Part VIIIAA has effect in accordance with subsection (1) as if:
- (a) subsection 90AD(2) were replaced with the following:

“(2) For the purposes of section 90SS (to the extent that it provides for the granting of an injunction in relation to the property of a party to a de facto relationship), *property* includes a debt owed by a party to the de facto relationship.”; and

- (b) paragraph 90AF(3)(d) were omitted; and

- (c) the following paragraph were inserted after paragraph 90AF(3)(e):
 - “(ea) for any other injunction—the court is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is necessary to grant the injunction to do justice; and”; and
- (d) the following subsection were added at the end of section 90AF:
 - “(5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not limit subsection 90SS(1).”.

Division 4—Financial agreements

90UA Geographical requirement for agreements made in participating jurisdictions

Two or more people can make a Part VIIIAB financial agreement under section 90UB, 90UC or 90UD only if the spouse parties are ordinarily resident in a participating jurisdiction when they make the agreement.

90UB Financial agreements before de facto relationship

- (1) If:
 - (a) people who are contemplating entering into a de facto relationship with each other make a written agreement with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2) in the event of the breakdown of the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) at the time of the making of the agreement, the people are not the spouse parties to any other Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on them with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (c) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section; the agreement is a **Part VIIIAB financial agreement**. The people may make the Part VIIIAB financial agreement with one or more other people.
- (2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
 - (a) how all or any of the:
 - (i) property; or
 - (ii) financial resources;of either or both of the spouse parties at the time when the agreement is made, or at a later time and during the de facto relationship, is to be distributed;
 - (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties.

- (3) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement (the ***new agreement***) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous Part VIIIAB financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

90UC Financial agreements during de facto relationship

- (1) If:
 - (a) while in a de facto relationship, the parties to the de facto relationship make a written agreement about any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2) in the event of the breakdown of the de facto relationship; and
 - (b) at the time of the making of the agreement, the parties to the de facto relationship are not the spouse parties to any other Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on them with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (c) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section; the agreement is a ***Part VIIIAB financial agreement***. The parties to the de facto relationship may make the Part VIIIAB financial agreement with one or more other people.
- (2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
 - (a) how all or any of the:
 - (i) property; or
 - (ii) financial resources;of either or both of the spouse parties at the time when the agreement is made, or at a later time and during the de facto relationship, is to be distributed;
 - (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties.
- (3) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2).

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- (4) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement (the ***new agreement***) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous Part VIIIAB financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

**90UD Financial agreements after breakdown of
a de facto relationship**

- (1) If:
- (a) after the breakdown of a de facto relationship, the parties to the former de facto relationship make a written agreement with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (b) at the time of the making of the agreement, the parties to the former de facto relationship are not the spouse parties to any other Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on them with respect to any of those matters; and
 - (c) the agreement is expressed to be made under this section; the agreement is a ***Part VIIIAB financial agreement***. The parties to the former de facto relationship may make the Part VIIIAB financial agreement with one or more other people.
- (2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
- (a) how all or any of the:
 - (i) property; or
 - (ii) financial resources;that either or both of the spouse parties had or acquired during the former de facto relationship is to be distributed;
 - (b) the maintenance of either of the spouse parties.
- (3) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) may also contain matters incidental or ancillary to those mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement (the ***new agreement***) made as mentioned in subsection (1) may terminate a previous Part VIIIAB

financial agreement (however made) if all of the parties to the previous agreement are parties to the new agreement.

90UE Agreements made in non-referring States that become Part VIIIAB financial agreements

How State agreements can become Part VIIIAB financial agreements

- (1) This section applies if:
- (a) 2 people (the ***couple***) have made a written agreement, signed by both of them, with respect to any of the matters (the ***eligible agreed matters***) mentioned in subsection (3); and
 - (b) the agreement was made under a non-referring State de facto financial law; and
 - (c) either:
 - (i) a court could not, because of that law, make an order under that law that is inconsistent with the agreement with respect to any of the eligible agreed matters; or
 - (ii) a court could not, because of that law, make an order under that law that is with respect to any of the eligible agreed matters to which the agreement applies; and
 - (d) at the time the agreement was made, the members of the couple were not the spouse parties to any Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on them with respect to any of the eligible agreed matters; and
 - (e) at a later time (the ***transition time***), the couple's circumstances change so that:
 - (i) if the de facto relationship has not broken down—sections 90SB, 90SD and 90SK would not prevent a court from making an order or declaration under this Part in relation to the eligible agreed matters if the de facto relationship were to break down; or
 - (ii) if the de facto relationship has broken down—sections 90SB, 90SD and 90SK do not prevent a court from making an order or declaration under this Part in relation to the eligible agreed matters; and

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- (f) immediately before the transition time:
 - (i) the agreement was in force under the non-referring State de facto financial law; and
 - (ii) the couple were not married to each other.

Paragraph (a) extends to agreements made before the commencement of this section, and to agreements made with one or more other people.

Note 1: This section extends to agreements made in contemplation of a de facto relationship, during a de facto relationship or after a de facto relationship has broken down.

Note 2: Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the *Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Act 2008* deems certain agreements, made under a law of a State that is or becomes a participating jurisdiction, or made under a law of a Territory, to be Part VIIIAB financial agreements.

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, the agreement is taken, on and after the transition time, to be a ***Part VIIIAB financial agreement*** to the extent that the agreement deals with:
 - (a) the eligible agreed matters; and
 - (b) matters incidental or ancillary to the eligible agreed matters.

Note: This means that, after the transition time, the agreement can only be enforced, varied, terminated or otherwise set aside under this Act.

Eligible agreed matters

- (3) The matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are the following:
 - (a) how all or any of the:
 - (i) property; or
 - (ii) financial resources;of either member, or both members, of the couple at the time when the agreement is made, or at a later time and during a de facto relationship between them, is to be distributed;
 - (b) the maintenance of either member of the couple; in the event of the breakdown of a de facto relationship between them, or in relation to a de facto relationship between them that has broken down, as the case requires.

- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), disregard whether the non-referring State de facto financial law permits the court to make such an order if the court varies or sets aside the agreement.

90UF Need for separation declaration for certain provisions of financial agreement to take effect

- (1) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement, to the extent to which it deals with how, in the event of the breakdown of the de facto relationship, all or any of the property or financial resources of either or both of the spouse parties:
- (a) at the time when the agreement is made; or
 - (b) at a later time and during the de facto relationship;
- are to be dealt with, is of no force or effect until a separation declaration is made.

Note: Before the separation declaration is made, the financial agreement will be of force and effect in relation to the other matters it deals with (except for any matters covered by section 90UG).

- (2) Subsection (1) ceases to apply if either or both of the spouse parties die.

Note: This means the financial agreement will be of force and effect in relation to the matters mentioned in subsection (1) from the time of the death(s).

Requirements for a valid separation declaration

- (3) A separation declaration is a written declaration that complies with subsections (4) and (5), and may be included in the Part VIIIAB financial agreement to which it relates.
- (4) The declaration must be signed by at least one of the spouse parties to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement.
- (5) The declaration must state that:
- (a) the spouse parties lived in a de facto relationship; and
 - (b) the spouse parties have separated and are living separately and apart at the declaration time; and

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- (c) in the opinion of the spouse parties making the declaration, there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.

Meaning of declaration time

- (6) In this section:

declaration time means the time when the declaration was signed by a spouse party to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement.

90UG Whether or when certain other provisions of financial agreements take effect

A Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement, to the extent to which it provides for matters covered by subsection 90UB(3) or 90UC(3) or paragraph 90UE(2)(b), is of no force or effect unless and until the de facto relationship breaks down.

90UH Requirements with respect to provisions in financial agreements relating to the maintenance of a party or a child or children

- (1) A provision of a Part VIIIAB financial agreement that relates to the maintenance of a spouse party to the agreement or a child or children is void unless the provision specifies:
 - (a) the party, or the child or children, for whose maintenance provision is made; and
 - (b) the amount provided for, or the value of the portion of the relevant property attributable to, the maintenance of the party, or of the child or each child, as the case may be.

Note: While Part VIIIAB financial agreements are not made with respect to child maintenance, provisions about child maintenance could be included in the same document for child support (or other non-Part VIIIAB) purposes.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement covered by section 90UE.

90UI Certain provisions in financial agreements

- (1) No provision of a Part VIIIAB financial agreement excludes or limits the power of a court to make an order under Division 2 in relation to the maintenance of a party to the agreement if subsection (2) applies.
- (2) This subsection applies if the court is satisfied that, when the agreement came into effect, the circumstances of the party were such that, taking into account the terms and effect of the agreement, the party was unable to support himself or herself without an income tested pension, allowance or benefit.
- (3) To avoid doubt, a provision in a Part VIIIAB financial agreement:
 - (a) made as mentioned in subsection 90UB(1), 90UC(1) or 90UD(1); or
 - (b) covered by section 90UE;that provides for property or financial resources owned by a spouse party to the agreement to continue in the ownership of that party is taken, for the purposes of that subsection or section, to be a provision with respect to how the property or financial resources are to be distributed.

90UJ When financial agreements are binding

- (1) Subject to subsection (1A), a Part VIIIAB financial agreement (other than an agreement covered by section 90UE) is binding on the parties to the agreement if, and only if:
 - (a) the agreement is signed by all parties; and
 - (b) before signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner about the effect of the agreement on the rights of that party and about the advantages and disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided, to that party of making the agreement; and
 - (c) either before or after signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with a signed statement by the legal practitioner stating that the advice referred to in paragraph (b)

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was provided to that party (whether or not the statement is annexed to the agreement); and

- (ca) a copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (c) that was provided to a spouse party is given to the other spouse party or to a legal practitioner for the other spouse party; and
- (d) the agreement has not been terminated and has not been set aside by a court.

Note: For the manner in which the contents of a financial agreement may be proved, see section 48 of the *Evidence Act 1995*.

(1A) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement (other than an agreement covered by section 90UE) is binding on the parties to the agreement if:

- (a) the agreement is signed by all parties; and
- (b) one or more of paragraphs (1)(b), (c) and (ca) are not satisfied in relation to the agreement; and
- (c) a court is satisfied that it would be unjust and inequitable if the agreement were not binding on the spouse parties to the agreement (disregarding any changes in circumstances from the time the agreement was made); and
- (d) the court makes an order under subsection (1B) declaring that the agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement; and
- (e) the agreement has not been terminated and has not been set aside by a court.

(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (1A)(d), a court may make an order declaring that a Part VIIIAB financial agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement, upon application (the ***enforcement application***) by a spouse party seeking to enforce the agreement.

(1C) To avoid doubt, section 90UN applies in relation to the enforcement application.

(2) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement covered by section 90UE is binding on the parties to the agreement if, and only if, the agreement has not been terminated and has not been set aside by a court.

- (3) A Part VIIIAB financial agreement ceases to be binding if, after making the agreement, the parties to the agreement marry each other.
- (4) A court may make such orders for the enforcement of a Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement as it thinks necessary.

90UK Effect of death of party to financial agreement

A Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on the parties to the agreement continues to operate despite the death of a party to the agreement and operates in favour of, and is binding on, the legal personal representative of that party.

Note: If the parties are still in the de facto relationship when one of them dies, the de facto relationship is not taken to have broken down for the purposes of enforcing the matters mentioned in the financial agreement (see the definition of *breakdown* in subsection 4(1)).

90UL Termination of financial agreement

- (1) The parties to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement may terminate the agreement for the purposes of this Act only by:
 - (a) including a provision to that effect in another Part VIIIAB financial agreement as mentioned in subsection 90UB(4), 90UC(4) or 90UD(4); or
 - (b) making a written agreement (a ***Part VIIIAB termination agreement***) to that effect.
- (2) Subject to subsection (2A), a Part VIIIAB termination agreement is binding on the parties if, and only if:
 - (a) the termination agreement is signed by all parties to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement; and
 - (b) before signing the termination agreement, each spouse party was provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner about the effect of the termination agreement on the rights of that party and about the advantages and

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- disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided, to that party of making the termination agreement; and
- (c) either before or after signing the agreement, each spouse party was provided with a signed statement by the legal practitioner stating that the advice referred to in paragraph (b) was provided to that party (whether or not the statement is annexed to the termination agreement); and
 - (ca) a copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (c) that was provided to a spouse party is given to the other spouse party or to a legal practitioner for the other spouse party; and
 - (d) the termination agreement has not been set aside by a court.
- (2A) A Part VIIIAB termination agreement is binding on the parties if:
- (a) the termination agreement is signed by all parties to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement; and
 - (b) one or more of paragraphs (2)(b), (c) and (ca) are not satisfied in relation to the termination agreement; and
 - (c) a court is satisfied that it would be unjust and inequitable if the termination agreement were not binding on the spouse parties to the agreement (disregarding any changes in circumstances from the time the agreement was made); and
 - (d) the court makes an order under subsection (2B) declaring that the termination agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement; and
 - (e) the termination agreement has not been set aside by a court.
- (2B) For the purposes of paragraph (2A)(d), a court may make an order declaring that a Part VIIIAB termination agreement is binding on the parties to the agreement, upon application (the ***enforcement application***) by a spouse party seeking to enforce the agreement.
- (2C) To avoid doubt, section 90UN applies in relation to the enforcement application.
- (3) A court may, on an application by:
- (a) a person who was a party to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement; or
 - (b) any other interested person;
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make such order or orders (including an order for the transfer of property) as it considers just and equitable for the purpose of preserving or adjusting the rights of:

- (c) persons who were parties to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement; and
- (d) any other interested persons.

Note: For the manner in which the contents of a Part VIIIAB financial agreement may be proved, see section 48 of the *Evidence Act 1995*.

90UM Circumstances in which court may set aside a financial agreement or termination agreement

- (1) A court may make an order setting aside, for the purposes of this Act, a Part VIIIAB financial agreement or a Part VIIIAB termination agreement if, and only if, the court is satisfied that:
 - (a) the agreement was obtained by fraud (including non-disclosure of a material matter); or
 - (b) a party to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding or defeating a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (ii) with reckless disregard of the interests of a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (c) a party (the ***agreement party***) to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding another person who is a party to a de facto relationship (the ***other de facto relationship***) with a spouse party; or
 - (ii) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defeating the interests of that other person in relation to any possible or pending application for an order under section 90SM, or a declaration under section 90SL, in relation to the other de facto relationship; or

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- (iii) with reckless disregard of those interests of that other person; or
- (d) a party (the ***agreement party***) to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding another person who is a party to a marriage with a spouse party; or
 - (ii) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defeating the interests of that other person in relation to any possible or pending application for an order under section 79, or a declaration under section 78, in relation to the marriage (or void marriage); or
 - (iii) with reckless disregard of those interests of that other person; or
- (e) the agreement is void, voidable or unenforceable; or
- (f) in the circumstances that have arisen since the agreement was made it is impracticable for the agreement or a part of the agreement to be carried out; or
- (g) since the making of the agreement, a material change in circumstances has occurred (being circumstances relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the de facto relationship) and, as a result of the change, the child or, if the applicant has caring responsibility for the child (as defined in subsection (4)), a party to the agreement will suffer hardship if the court does not set the agreement aside; or
- (h) in respect of the making of a Part VIIIAB financial agreement—a party to the agreement engaged in conduct that was, in all the circumstances, unconscionable; or
- (i) a payment flag is operating under Part VIIIB on a superannuation interest covered by the agreement and there is no reasonable likelihood that the operation of the flag will be terminated by a flag lifting agreement under that Part; or
- (j) the agreement covers at least one superannuation interest that is an unsplittable interest for the purposes of Part VIIIB; or

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- (k) if the agreement is a Part VIIIAB financial agreement covered by section 90UE—subsection (5) applies.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90RB.

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), **creditor**, in relation to a party to the agreement, includes a person who could reasonably have been foreseen by the party as being reasonably likely to become a creditor of the party.
- (3) For the purposes of the application of subparagraph (1)(c)(ii) to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement covered by section 90UE:
- (a) the reference in that subparagraph to an order under section 90SM is taken to include a reference to an order (however described) under a corresponding provision (if any) of the non-referring State de facto financial law concerned; and
 - (b) the reference in that subparagraph to a declaration under section 90SL is taken to include a reference to a declaration (however described) under a corresponding provision (if any) of the non-referring State de facto financial law concerned.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(g), a person has **caring responsibility** for a child if:
- (a) the person is a parent of the child with whom the child lives; or
 - (b) a parenting order provides that:
 - (i) the child is to live with the person; or
 - (ii) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
- (5) This subsection applies if:
- (a) at least one of the spouse parties to the agreement was not provided, before signing the agreement, with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner about the effect of the agreement on the rights of that party and about the advantages and disadvantages to that party of making the agreement; or
 - (b) if this advice was provided to at least one of the spouse parties to the agreement—that party was not provided with a

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- signed statement by the legal practitioner stating that this advice was given to that party;
- and it would be unjust and inequitable, having regard to the eligible agreed matters (within the meaning of section 90UE) for the agreement, if the court does not set the agreement aside.
- (6) A court may, on an application by a person who was a party to the Part VIIIAB financial agreement that has been set aside, or by any other interested person, make such order or orders (including an order for the transfer of property) as it considers just and equitable for the purpose of preserving or adjusting the rights of persons who were parties to that financial agreement and any other interested persons.
- (7) An order under subsection (1) or (6) may, after the death of a party to the proceedings in which the order was made, be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (8) If a party to proceedings under this section dies before the proceedings are completed:
- (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the applicable Rules of Court may make provision in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have exercised its powers under this section if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to exercise those powers; the court may make any order that it could have made under subsection (1) or (6); and
 - (c) an order under paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (9) The court must not make an order under this section if the order would:
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- (a) result in the acquisition of property from a person otherwise than on just terms; and
 - (b) be invalid because of paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.
- For this purpose, *acquisition of property* and *just terms* have the same meanings as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

90UN Validity, enforceability and effect of financial agreements and termination agreements

The question whether a Part VIIIAB financial agreement or a Part VIIIAB termination agreement is valid, enforceable or effective is to be determined by the court according to the principles of law and equity that are applicable in determining the validity, enforceability and effect of contracts and purported contracts, and, in proceedings relating to such an agreement, the court:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), has the same powers, may grant the same remedies and must have the same regard to the rights of third parties as the High Court has, may grant and is required to have in proceedings in connection with contracts or purported contracts, being proceedings in which the High Court has original jurisdiction; and
- (b) has power to make an order for the payment, by a party to the agreement to another party to the agreement, of interest on an amount payable under the agreement, from the time when the amount became or becomes due and payable, at a rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court; and
- (c) in addition to, or instead of, making an order or orders under paragraph (a) or (b), may order that the agreement, or a specified part of the agreement, be enforced as if it were an order of the court.

Division 5—Proceeds of crime and forfeiture

90VA Notification of proceeds of crime orders etc.

- (1) If:
- (a) a person makes an application for an order, under this Part, with respect to:
 - (i) the property of the parties to a de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) the maintenance of a party to a de facto relationship; and
 - (b) the person knows that the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them is covered by:
 - (i) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (ii) a forfeiture application;
- the person must:
- (c) disclose in the application the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application; and
 - (d) give to the court a sealed copy of that order or application.
- (2) A person who does not comply with subsection (1) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.
- (3) If:
- (a) a person is a party to de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings under this Part; and
 - (b) the person is notified by the proceeds of crime authority that the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them is covered by:
 - (i) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (ii) a forfeiture application;
- the person must:
- (c) notify the Registry Manager in writing of the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application; and

- (d) give the Registry Manager:
 - (i) a copy of the notification referred to in paragraph (b) (if the notification is in writing); and
 - (ii) a copy of the proceeds of crime order or forfeiture application (if the notification is accompanied by a copy of the order or application).
- (4) A person who does not comply with subsection (3) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

90VB Court to stay property or maintenance proceedings affected by proceeds of crime orders etc.

- (1) A court in which property settlement, or maintenance proceedings, are pending must stay those proceedings if notified under section 90VA in relation to the proceedings.
- (2) The court may, before staying proceedings under subsection (1), invite or require the proceeds of crime authority to make submissions relating to staying the proceedings.
- (3) A court must, on the application of the proceeds of crime authority, stay de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings under this Part if the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them is covered by:
 - (a) a proceeds of crime order; or
 - (b) a forfeiture application.
- (4) A court must notify the proceeds of crime authority if the court stays de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings under subsection (1) or (3).
- (5) The proceeds of crime authority must notify the Registry Manager if:
 - (a) a proceeds of crime order ceases to be in force; or
 - (b) a forfeiture application is finally determined.

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- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), a forfeiture application is taken to be ***finally determined*** when:
- (a) the application is withdrawn; or
 - (b) if the application is successful—the resulting forfeiture order comes into force; or
 - (c) if the application is unsuccessful—the time within which an appeal can be made has expired and any appeals have been finally determined or otherwise disposed of.

90VC Lifting a stay

- (1) A court that stayed the de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings under section 90VB must wholly or partially lift the stay if:
- (a) either party to the proceedings makes an application for the stay to be lifted and the proceeds of crime authority consents to such an application; or
 - (b) the proceeds of crime authority makes an application for the stay to be lifted.
- (2) A court that stayed the de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings under section 90VB may, on its own motion, wholly or partially lift the stay if the proceeds of crime authority consents to such a motion.
- (3) Giving the Registry Manager written notice of the proceeds of crime authority's consent under this section is taken to be the giving of that consent, unless the court requires the authority to appear in the proceedings. The notice may be given by the authority or by a party to the proceedings.

90VD Intervention by proceeds of crime authority

- (1) The proceeds of crime authority may intervene in any de facto property settlement or maintenance proceedings in relation to which a court is notified under section 90VA, or in any proceedings under section 90VB or 90VC in which the authority is not already a party.

- (2) If the proceeds of crime authority intervenes, the authority is taken to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

Division 6—Instruments not liable to duty

90WA Certain instruments not liable to duty

- (1) None of the following is subject to any duty or charge under any law of a State or Territory or any law of the Commonwealth that applies only in relation to a Territory:
 - (a) a deed or other instrument executed by a person for the purposes of, or in accordance with, an order made under Division 2;
 - (b) a Part VIIIAB financial agreement;
 - (c) a Part VIIIAB termination agreement;
 - (d) a deed or other instrument executed by a person for the purposes of, or in accordance with, an order or Part VIIIAB financial agreement made under Division 4.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a liability to pay duty or charge (if any) in relation to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement covered by section 90UE if the liability arises before the transition time (within the meaning of that section) for the agreement.
- (3) Despite any State law, a failure to discharge a liability covered by subsection (2) in relation to an agreement has no effect for the purposes of this Act. In particular, the failure does not affect whether the agreement may be presented in evidence in a court for the purposes of this Act.

Part VIIIB—Superannuation interests

Division 1—Preliminary

Subdivision A—Scope of this Part

90XA Object of this Part

The object of this Part is to allow certain payments (splittable payments) in respect of a superannuation interest to be allocated between:

- (a) the parties to a marriage; or
 - (b) the parties to a de facto relationship;
- either by agreement or by court order.

90XB This Part overrides other laws, trust deeds etc.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), this Part has effect despite anything to the contrary in any of the following instruments (whether made before or after the commencement of this Part):
 - (a) any other law of the Commonwealth;
 - (b) any law of a State or Territory;
 - (c) anything in a trust deed or other instrument.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), nothing done in compliance with this Part by the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan is to be treated as resulting in a contravention of a law or instrument referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) This Part has effect subject to the *Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Act 1999*.

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**90XC Extended meanings of matrimonial cause
and de facto financial cause**

- (1) A superannuation interest is to be treated as property for the purposes of paragraph (ca) of the definition of *matrimonial cause* in section 4.
- (2) A superannuation interest is to be treated as property for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of *de facto financial cause* in section 4.

Subdivision B—Interpretation

90XD Definitions

In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

approved deposit fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

declaration time, in relation to a separation declaration, means the time when the declaration was signed by a spouse (or last signed by a spouse, if both spouses have signed).

Note: If a spouse has died, the spouse's legal personal representative may sign a declaration (see subsection 90XP(2)).

eligible superannuation plan means any of the following:

- (a) a superannuation fund within the meaning of the SIS Act;
- (b) an approved deposit fund;
- (c) an RSA;
- (d) an account within the meaning of the *Small Superannuation Accounts Act 1995*;
- (e) a superannuation annuity (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*).

flagging order means an order mentioned in subsection 90XU(1).

flag lifting agreement has the meaning given by section 90XN.

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in force, in relation to an agreement, has the meaning given by section 90XG.

interest includes a prospective or contingent interest, and also includes an expectancy.

marriage includes a void marriage.

member, in relation to an eligible superannuation plan, includes a beneficiary (including a contingent or prospective beneficiary).

member spouse, in relation to a superannuation interest, means the spouse who has the superannuation interest.

non-member spouse, in relation to a superannuation interest, means the spouse who is not the member spouse in relation to that interest.

operative time:

- (a) in relation to a payment split under a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement—has the meaning given by section 90XI; or
- (b) in relation to a payment flag under a superannuation agreement—has the meaning given by section 90XK or paragraph 90XLA(2)(c) as appropriate; or
- (c) in relation to a payment split under a court order—means the time specified in the order.

payment flag means:

- (a) the application of section 90XL in relation to a superannuation interest; or
- (b) the application of a flagging order in relation to a superannuation interest.

payment split means:

- (a) the application of section 90XJ in relation to a splittable payment; or
- (b) the application of a splitting order in relation to a splittable payment.

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percentage-only interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

regulated superannuation fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

reversionary beneficiary means a person who becomes entitled to a benefit in respect of a superannuation interest of a spouse, after the spouse dies.

reversionary interest has the meaning given by section 90XF.

RSA means a retirement savings account within the meaning of the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997*.

secondary government trustee means a trustee that:

- (a) is the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; and
- (b) is a trustee only because of the operation of section 90XDA.

separation declaration has the meaning given by section 90XP.

SIS Act means the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*.

splittable payment has the meaning given by section 90XE.

splitting order means an order mentioned in subsection 90XT(1).

spouse means:

- (a) a party to a marriage; or
- (b) a party to a de facto relationship.

superannuation agreement has the meaning given by sections 90XH and 90XHA.

superannuation interest means an interest that a person has as a member of an eligible superannuation plan, but does not include a reversionary interest.

trustee, in relation to an eligible superannuation plan, means:

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- (a) if the plan is a fund that has a trustee (within the ordinary meaning of that word)—the trustee of the plan; or
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply and a person is identified in accordance with the regulations as the trustee of the plan for the purposes of this definition—the person identified in accordance with the regulations; or
- (c) in any other case—the person who manages the plan.

unflaggable interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

unsplittable interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

90XDA Extended meaning of trustee

If a person who is not the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan nevertheless has the power to make payments to members of the plan, then references in this Part to the trustee of the plan include references to that person.

90XE Splittable payments

- (1) Each of the following payments in respect of a superannuation interest of a spouse is a ***splittable payment***:
 - (a) a payment to the spouse;
 - (b) a payment to another person for the benefit of the spouse;
 - (c) a payment to the legal personal representative of the spouse, after the death of the spouse;
 - (d) a payment to a reversionary beneficiary, after the death of the spouse;
 - (e) a payment to the legal personal representative of a reversionary beneficiary covered by paragraph (d), after the death of the reversionary beneficiary.
- (2) A payment is not a splittable payment if it is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection. The regulations may prescribe a payment either:

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- (a) generally (that is, for the purposes of all payment splits in respect of a superannuation interest); or
 - (b) only for the purposes of applying this Part to a particular payment split in respect of a superannuation interest.
- (3) If a payment is made to another person for the benefit of 2 or more persons who include the spouse, then the payment is nevertheless a splittable payment, to the extent to which it is paid for the benefit of the spouse.

90XF Reversionary interest

For the purposes of this Part, a person's interest in an eligible superannuation plan is a **reversionary interest** at any time while the person's entitlement to benefits in respect of the interest is conditional on the death of another person who is still living.

90XG Meaning of *in force*

- (1) A financial agreement is ***in force*** at any time when it is binding on the parties in accordance with section 90G.
- (1A) A Part VIIIB financial agreement is ***in force*** at any time when it is binding on the parties in accordance with section 90UJ.
- (2) A superannuation agreement is ***in force*** at any time when the relevant financial agreement, or relevant Part VIIIB financial agreement, is in force.
- (3) A flag lifting agreement is ***in force*** if, and only if:
 - (a) it meets the requirements set out in subsection 90XN(3); and
 - (b) it has not been set aside by a court and has not been terminated.

Division 2—Payment splitting or flagging by agreement

Subdivision A—Superannuation agreements

90XH Superannuation agreement to be included in financial agreement if about a marriage

- (1) A financial agreement under Part VIIIA may include an agreement that deals with superannuation interests of either or both of the spouse parties to the agreement as if those interests were property. It does not matter whether or not the superannuation interests are in existence at the time the agreement is made.
- (2) The part of the financial agreement that deals with superannuation interests is a *superannuation agreement* for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) A superannuation agreement has effect only in accordance with this Part. In particular, it cannot be enforced under Part VIIIA.
- (4) A superannuation agreement that is included in a financial agreement under section 90B (in contemplation of marriage) has no effect unless and until the spouse parties marry.
- (5) In applying sections 90B, 90C and 90D for the purposes of this Division, a superannuation interest of a spouse party to a financial agreement is treated as being acquired at the time when that party first becomes a member of the eligible superannuation plan in respect of that interest.

90XHA Superannuation agreement to be included in Part VIIIB financial agreement if about a de facto relationship

- (1) A Part VIIIB financial agreement may include an agreement that deals with superannuation interests of either or both of the spouse parties to the agreement as if those interests were property. It does not matter whether or not the superannuation interests are in existence at the time the agreement is made.

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- (2) The part of the Part VIIIB financial agreement that deals with superannuation interests is a ***superannuation agreement*** for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) A superannuation agreement has effect only in accordance with this Part. In particular, it cannot be enforced under Part VIIIB.
- (4) A superannuation agreement that is included in a Part VIIIB financial agreement under section 90UB (in contemplation of a de facto relationship) has no effect unless and until the spouse parties enter into that de facto relationship.
- (5) In applying sections 90UB, 90UC, 90UD and 90UE for the purposes of this Division, a superannuation interest of a spouse party to a Part VIIIB financial agreement is treated as being acquired at the time when that party first becomes a member of the eligible superannuation plan in respect of that interest.

Subdivision B—Payment splitting

90XI Operative time for payment split

- (1) The ***operative time*** for a payment split under a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement is the beginning of the fourth business day after the day on which a copy of the agreement is served on the trustee, accompanied by:
 - (a) if the parties are divorced—a copy of the divorce order that has terminated the marriage; and
 - (aa) if, in the case of a payment split under a superannuation agreement:
 - (i) the parties are not divorced; and
 - (ii) a separation declaration is not part of the superannuation agreement;a separation declaration; and
 - (b) if the agreement specifies a method for calculating a base amount—a document setting out the amount calculated using that method; and

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- (c) if a form of declaration is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph—a declaration in that form.

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the separation declaration must have a declaration time that is not more than 28 days before the service on the trustee.

90XJ Payment split under superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement

- (1) This section applies to a superannuation interest if:
- (a) the interest is identified in a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement; and
 - (b) if the interest is a percentage-only interest—the agreement does one of the following:
 - (i) it specifies a percentage that is to apply for the purposes of this sub-paragraph;
 - (ii) it specifies a percentage that is to apply to all splittable payments in respect of the interest; and
 - (c) if the interest is not a percentage-only interest—the agreement does one of the following:
 - (i) it specifies an amount as a base amount in relation to the interest for the purposes of this Part;
 - (ii) it specifies a method by which such a base amount can be calculated at the time when the agreement is served on the trustee under section 90XI;
 - (iii) it specifies a percentage that is to apply to all splittable payments in respect of the interest; and
 - (d) the agreement is in force at the operative time; and
 - (da) if the agreement relates to a marriage—the marriage is broken down at the operative time; and
 - (db) if the agreement relates to a de facto relationship—the de facto relationship is broken down at the operative time; and

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- (e) the interest is not an unsplittable interest.

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

- (2) The following provisions begin to apply to the interest at the operative time.
- (3) Whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
- (a) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) that is calculated under subsection (4); and
 - (b) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the payment split.
- (4) The amount is calculated as follows:
- (a) if the agreement specifies a percentage as mentioned in subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) or subparagraph (1)(c)(iii)—the amount is calculated by applying the specified percentage to the splittable payment; or
 - (b) otherwise—the amount is calculated in accordance with the regulations.
- (5) Subject to section 90XV, this section continues to apply to the superannuation interest even if the agreement referred to in subsection (1) later ceases to be in force.

Subdivision C—Payment flagging

90XK Operative time for payment flag

- (1) The *operative time* for a payment flag under a superannuation agreement is:
- (a) the service time, if the eligible superannuation plan is a self-managed superannuation fund; or
 - (b) otherwise, the beginning of the fourth business day after the day on which the service time occurs.

(2) In this section:

self-managed superannuation fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

service time means the time when a copy of the agreement is served on the trustee, accompanied by:

- (a) if the parties are divorced—a copy of the divorce order that has terminated the marriage; and
- (aa) if the parties are not divorced—a separation declaration with a declaration time that is not more than 28 days before the service on the trustee; and
- (b) if a form of declaration is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph—a declaration in that form.

90XL Payment flag

- (1) This section applies to a superannuation interest if:
 - (a) the interest is identified in a superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) the agreement provides that the interest is to be subject to a payment flag under this Part; and
 - (c) the agreement is in force at the operative time; and
 - (d) the interest is not an unflaggable interest.
- (2) A payment flag starts to operate on the superannuation interest at the operative time and continues to operate until either:
 - (a) a court terminates the operation of the payment flag by an order mentioned in section 90XM; or
 - (b) a flag lifting agreement is served on the trustee as mentioned in section 90XI in respect of the superannuation interest.
- (3) If a payment flag ceases to operate because of paragraph (2)(b), the cessation is not affected by a later termination of the flag lifting agreement.

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- (4) While a payment flag is operating on a superannuation interest, the trustee must not make any splittable payment to any person in respect of the interest.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (4A) Subsection (4) does not apply if the splittable payment is made in circumstances in which section 90XLA applies.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (4A) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (5) If a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of a superannuation interest while a payment flag is operating, the trustee must, within 14 days after it became payable, give written notice to the member spouse and the non-member spouse.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply if the trustee has previously given a notice under that subsection, for an earlier splittable payment, in respect of the payment flag.

- (7) If either spouse dies while a payment flag is operating:
- (a) the payment flag nevertheless continues to operate; and
 - (b) the legal personal representative of the deceased spouse has all the rights the deceased spouse would have had in respect of the payment flag.

Note: The rights of the legal personal representative under paragraph (b) include the right to enter into a flag lifting agreement under section 90XN.

90XLA Some splittable payments payable if payment flag operating

- (1) This section applies if:

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- (a) a superannuation interest (***original interest***) a person has in an eligible superannuation plan (***old ESP***) is identified in a superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) a payment flag under section 90XL is operating on the original interest; and
 - (c) a splittable payment is made by the trustee of the old ESP to the trustee of another eligible superannuation plan (***new ESP***) in respect of the original interest as part of a successor fund transfer.
- (2) If this section applies, then:
- (a) the new interest in the new ESP is taken to be the original interest identified in the superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) the payment flag operates on the new interest; and
 - (c) despite section 90XK, the operative time for the payment flag in respect of the new interest is the time that the payment to the trustee of the new ESP is made.
- (3) In this section:
- successor fund transfer*** means the transfer of a person's superannuation interest in the old ESP in circumstances where:
- (a) the new ESP confers on the person, in relation to the new interest, equivalent rights to the rights the person had in relation to the original interest; and
 - (b) before the transfer, the trustee of the new ESP had agreed with the trustee of the old ESP to the conferral of such rights.

90XM Payment flag may be terminated by court

- (1) If a court makes an order under section 90K setting aside a financial agreement in respect of which a payment flag is operating, the court may also make an order terminating the operation of the flag.

Note: Under section 90XH, a superannuation agreement must be part of a financial agreement. Therefore, setting aside the financial agreement also has the effect of setting aside the superannuation agreement.

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- (2) If a court makes an order under section 90UM setting aside a Part VIIIB financial agreement in respect of which a payment flag is operating, the court may also make an order terminating the operation of the flag.

Note: Under section 90XHA, a superannuation agreement relating to a de facto relationship must be part of a Part VIIIB financial agreement. Therefore, setting aside the financial agreement also has the effect of setting aside the superannuation agreement.

90XN Flag lifting agreement etc.

- (1) At any time when a payment flag is operating on a superannuation interest, the spouses may make an agreement (a ***flag lifting agreement***) that either:
- (a) provides that the flag is to cease operating without any payment split; or
 - (b) specifies an amount, method or percentage in accordance with subsection 90XJ(1).
- (2) If the flag lifting agreement provides for a payment split, the spouses may at any time make an agreement (a ***termination agreement***) that terminates the flag lifting agreement.
- (3) A flag lifting agreement or termination agreement has no effect unless it complies with the following requirements:
- (a) the agreement must be signed by both spouses;
 - (b) for each spouse, the agreement must contain a statement that the spouse has been provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner as to the legal effect of the agreement;
 - (c) a certificate must be attached to the agreement, signed by the person who provided the legal advice and stating that the advice was provided;
 - (d) after the agreement is signed by the spouses, each spouse must be provided with a copy of the agreement.
- (4) A court may make an order setting aside a flag lifting agreement or termination agreement if, and only if, the court is satisfied as to:

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- (a) if the spouses are parties to a marriage—any of the grounds set out in subsection 90K(1) (other than paragraph 90K(1)(f)); or
 - (b) if the spouses are parties to a de facto relationship—any of the grounds set out in subsection 90UM(1) (other than paragraph 90UM(1)(i)).
- (5) An order setting aside a flag lifting agreement also operates to set aside the related financial agreement or Part VIIIB financial agreement.
- (6) An order under section 90K setting aside a financial agreement also operates to set aside the related flag lifting agreement.
- (7) An order under section 90UM setting aside a Part VIIIB financial agreement also operates to set aside the related flag lifting agreement.

Subdivision D—Miscellaneous

90XO Limitation on section 79 or 90SM order

- (1) A court cannot make an order under section 79 or 90SM with respect to a superannuation interest if:
 - (a) the superannuation interest is covered by a superannuation agreement that is in force; or
 - (b) the non-member spouse has served a waiver notice on the trustee under section 90XZA in respect of the interest; or
 - (c) a payment flag is operating on the superannuation interest.

Note: Under section 90XM, the court can terminate the operation of a payment flag in certain circumstances.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the court taking superannuation interests into account when making an order with respect to other property of the spouses.

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90XP Separation declaration

- (1) A ***separation declaration*** is a written declaration that complies with this section, and may be included in the superannuation agreement to which it relates.
- (2) The declaration must be signed by at least one of the spouses. For this purpose, if a spouse has died the spouse's legal personal representative may sign the declaration.

Spouses who are parties to a marriage

- (3) If the spouses are parties to a marriage, the declaration must state:
 - (a) that the spouses are married, but are separated at the declaration time; or
 - (b) if either or both of the spouses have died—that the spouses were married, but separated at the most recent time when both spouses were alive.
- (4) In subsection (3), ***separated*** has the same meaning as in section 48 (as affected by sections 49 and 50).

Spouses who are parties to a de facto relationship

- (5) If the spouses are parties to a de facto relationship, the declaration must state:
 - (a) that the spouses lived in a de facto relationship, but are separated at the declaration time; or
 - (b) if either or both of the spouses have died—that the spouses lived in a de facto relationship, but were separated at the most recent time when both spouses were alive.

90XR Enforcement by court order

- (1) A court may make such orders as it thinks necessary for the enforcement of a payment split or payment flag under this Division.

- (2) The question whether a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement is valid, enforceable or effective is to be determined by the court according to the principles of law and equity that are applicable in determining the validity, enforceability and effect of contracts and purported contracts.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), in proceedings relating to a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement, the court has the same powers, may grant the same remedies and must have the same regard to the rights of third parties as the High Court has, may grant and is required to have in proceedings in connection with contracts or purported contracts, being proceedings in which the High Court has original jurisdiction.

Division 3—Payment splitting or flagging by court order

90XS Order under section 79 or 90SM may include orders in relation to superannuation interests

- (1) In proceedings under section 79 or 90SM with respect to the property of spouses, the court may, in accordance with this Division, also make orders in relation to superannuation interests of the spouses.

Note 1: Although the orders are made in accordance with this Division, they will be made under either section 79 or 90SM. Therefore they will be generally subject to all the same provisions as other orders made under that section.

Note 2: Sections 71A and 90XO limit the scope of section 79.

Note 3: Subsections 44(5) and (6) and sections 90SB, 90SK and 90XO limit the scope of section 90SM.

- (2) A court cannot make an order under section 79 or 90SM in relation to a superannuation interest except in accordance with this Part.

90XT Splitting order

- (1) A court, in accordance with section 90XS, may make the following orders in relation to a superannuation interest (other than an unsplittable interest):
- (a) if the interest is not a percentage-only interest—an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
 - (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) calculated in accordance with the regulations; and
 - (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;
 - (b) an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:

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- (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid a specified percentage of the splittable payment; and
 - (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;
 - (c) if the interest is a percentage-only interest—an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
 - (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) calculated in accordance with the regulations by reference to the percentage specified in the order;
 - (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;
 - (d) such other orders as the court thinks necessary for the enforcement of an order under paragraph (a), (b) or (c).
- (2) Before making an order referred to in subsection (1), the court must make a determination under paragraph (a) or (b) as follows:
- (a) if the regulations provide for the determination of an amount in relation to the interest, the court must determine the amount in accordance with the regulations;
 - (b) otherwise, the court must determine the value of the interest by such method as the court considers appropriate.
- (2A) The amount determined under paragraph (2)(a) is taken to be the value of the interest.
- (3) Regulations for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(a)(i) or paragraph (2)(a) may provide for the amount concerned to be determined wholly or partly by reference to methods or factors that are approved in writing by the Minister for the purposes of the regulations (each of these is an ***approved method or factor***).
- (3A) If there is an approved method or factor for a superannuation interest in an eligible superannuation plan, the Minister may, in circumstances prescribed by the regulations, give a written direction to the trustee of that plan requiring the trustee, within the

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period specified in the direction, to do a thing prescribed by the regulations in relation to the approved method or factor.

- (3B) The regulations may prescribe matters in relation to the content of a direction.
- (3C) A direction made under subsection (3A) is not a legislative instrument.
- (3D) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person receives a direction from the Minister under subsection (3A); and
 - (b) the person does not comply with the direction.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (4) Before making an order referred to in paragraph (1)(a), the court must allocate a base amount to the non-member spouse, not exceeding the value determined under subsection (2).

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

90XU Flagging order

- (1) A court, in accordance with section 90XS, may make an order in relation to a superannuation interest (other than an unflaggable interest):
- (a) directing the trustee not to make any splittable payment in respect of the interest without the leave of the court; and
 - (b) requiring the trustee to notify the member spouse and the non-member spouse, within a period specified in the order, of the next occasion when a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest.
- (2) In deciding whether to make an order in accordance with this section, the court may take into account such matters as it considers relevant and, in particular, may take into account the

likelihood that a splittable payment will soon become payable in respect of the superannuation interest.

90XUA Some splittable payments may be made without leave of court

- (1) A flagging order made under subsection 90XU(1) in relation to a superannuation interest (*original interest*) a person has in an eligible superannuation plan (*old ESP*) does not apply to a splittable payment if the splittable payment is made by the trustee of the old ESP to the trustee of another eligible superannuation plan (*new ESP*) in respect of the original interest as part of a successor fund transfer.
- (2) If the splittable payment is made, then the flagging order is taken to be made in relation to the new interest from the time that the payment to the trustee of the new ESP is made.
- (3) In this section:

successor fund transfer means the transfer of a person's superannuation interest in the old ESP in circumstances where:

- (a) the new ESP confers on the person, in relation to the new interest, equivalent rights to the rights the person had in relation to the original interest; and
- (b) before the transfer, the trustee of the new ESP had agreed with the trustee of the old ESP to the conferral of such rights.

Division 4—General provisions about payment splitting

90XV Court may cancel payment split

- (1) A court may, under section 79 or 90SM, make an order terminating the operation of a payment split if:
 - (a) the superannuation agreement in respect of the payment split has ceased to be in force; and
 - (b) the non-member spouse has not served a waiver notice on the trustee under section 90XZA in respect of the payment split.
- (2) The termination has effect for splittable payments that become payable after the date specified in the order.

90XW Deductions from splittable payment before calculating payment split

Any deduction that the trustee is entitled to make from a splittable payment is to be deducted from the splittable payment before calculating any payment split and before applying section 90XX.

90XX Multiple payment splits applying to the same splittable payment

- (1) This section applies if 2 or more payment splits apply to the same splittable payment.
- (2) The payments splits are to be calculated in order of their operative times, starting with the earliest time.
- (3) For the purpose of calculating each of those payment splits (other than the one with the earliest operative time), the amount of the splittable payment is taken to be reduced by the amount to which a person other than the member spouse is entitled under the payment split with the next earlier operative time.

Example 1: W has a superannuation interest that is subject to 3 payment splits in respect of W's marriages to X, Y and Z (in that order). The operative times of the payment splits are in the same order as the marriages.

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Assume each payment split provides for a 50% share to the non-member spouse. W becomes entitled to a splittable payment of \$100. The final payment entitlements are as follows: X gets \$50. Y gets \$25. Z gets \$12.50. W gets the remaining \$12.50.

Example 2: W has a superannuation interest that is subject to 3 payment splits in respect of W's de facto relationship with X, W's marriage to Y and W's de facto relationship with Z (in that order). The operative times of the payment splits are in the same order as the relationships. Assume each payment split provides for a 50% share to the non-member spouse. W becomes entitled to a splittable payment of \$100. The final payment entitlements are as follows: X gets \$50. Y gets \$25. Z gets \$12.50. W gets the remaining \$12.50.

90XY Fees payable to trustee

- (1) The regulations may:
 - (a) allow trustees to charge reasonable fees:
 - (i) in respect of a payment split; or
 - (ii) otherwise in respect of the operation of this Part in relation to a superannuation interest; and
 - (b) prescribe the person or persons liable to pay those fees.
- (2) If any such fee remains unpaid after the time it is due for payment, then the trustee may recover any unpaid amount by deduction from amounts that would otherwise become payable by the trustee, in respect of the superannuation interest, to the person who is liable to pay the fee.

90XZ Superannuation preservation requirements

- (1) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is a regulated superannuation fund or approved deposit fund, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any regulations made under the SIS Act that provide for payment of that entitlement to a regulated superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.

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- (2) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is an RSA, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any regulations made under the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997* that provide for payment of that entitlement to a regulated superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.
- (3) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is a constitutionally protected fund (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*) or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any law or other instrument that provides for payment of that entitlement to a regulated superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.

90XZA Waiver of rights under payment split

- (1) If the non-member spouse serves a waiver notice on the trustee in respect of a payment split, then the following provisions apply for each splittable payment that becomes payable after the date specified in the waiver notice:
 - (a) the non-member spouse is not entitled to be paid any amount under the payment split in respect of the splittable payment;
 - (b) the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the payment split continues to be reduced in the same way as it would have been reduced if the entitlement of the non-member spouse had not been terminated.

Example: X has a superannuation interest that is subject to a 50:50 payment split in favour of Y. Y serves a waiver notice on the trustee, in exchange for a lump sum payment made by the trustee to another fund for the benefit of Y. The effect is that X's payments will continue to be reduced by half, but Y will receive no further payments under the payment split.

- (2) To be effective for the purposes of this section, a waiver notice must be in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by:
 - (a) a statement to the effect that the non-member spouse has been provided with independent financial advice from a prescribed financial adviser as to the financial effect of the waiver notice; and
 - (b) a certificate signed by the person who provided the financial advice, stating that the advice was provided.

90XZB Trustee to provide information

- (1) An eligible person may make an application to the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan for information about a superannuation interest of a member of the plan.
- (2) The application must be accompanied by:
 - (a) a declaration, in the prescribed form, stating that the applicant requires the information for either or both of the following purposes:
 - (i) to assist the applicant to properly negotiate a superannuation agreement;
 - (ii) to assist the applicant in connection with the operation of this Part in relation to the applicant; and
 - (b) the fee (if any) payable under regulations made for the purposes of section 90XY.
- (3) If the trustee receives an application that complies with this section, the trustee must, in accordance with the regulations, provide information about the superannuation interest to the applicant.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (4) Regulations for the purposes of subsection (3) may specify circumstances in which the trustee is not required to provide information.

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Example: The regulations might provide that a secondary government trustee is not required to provide information where there is another trustee of the eligible superannuation plan who is better able to provide the information.

- (5) The trustee must not, in response to an application under this section by a spouse of the member, provide the spouse with any address of the member. For this purpose, **address** includes a postal address.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (6) If the trustee receives an application under this section from a person other than the member, the trustee must not inform the member that the application has been received.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

- (7) The regulations may require the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan, after the operative time for a payment split, to provide information to the non-member spouse about the superannuation interest concerned. Such regulations may prescribe penalties for contravention, not exceeding 10 penalty units.

- (8) In this section:

eligible person, in relation to a superannuation interest of a member of an eligible superannuation plan, means:

- (a) the member; or
- (aa) if the member has died—the legal personal representative of the member; or
- (b) a spouse of the member; or
- (ba) if a spouse of the member has died—the legal personal representative of the spouse; or
- (c) a person who intends to enter into a superannuation agreement with the member.

90XZC Death of non-member spouse

If the non-member spouse dies after the operative time for a payment split:

- (a) the payment split nevertheless continues to operate; and
- (b) the payment split then operates in favour of the legal personal representative of the deceased spouse and is binding on that legal personal representative; and
- (c) the legal personal representative has all the rights the deceased spouse would have had in respect of the payment split, including the right to serve a waiver notice under section 90XZA.

Division 5—Miscellaneous

90XZD Orders binding on trustee

- (1) An order under this Part in relation to a superannuation interest may be expressed to bind the person who is the trustee of the eligible superannuation plan at the time when the order takes effect. However:
 - (a) in the case of a trustee who is not a secondary government trustee—the court cannot make such an order unless the trustee has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order; and
 - (b) in the case of a secondary government trustee:
 - (i) the court cannot make such an order unless another trustee of the eligible superannuation plan has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order; and
 - (ii) the court may, if it thinks fit, require that the secondary government trustee also be accorded procedural fairness.
- (2) If an order is binding on the person who is the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan at the time when the order takes effect, then the order is also binding (by force of this subsection) on:
 - (a) any person who subsequently becomes the trustee of that eligible superannuation plan; or
 - (b) in a case where section 90XUA applies—a person who is the trustee, or any person who subsequently becomes the trustee, of the new ESP.

90XZE Protection for trustee

The trustee of an eligible superannuation plan is not liable for loss or damage suffered by any person because of things done (or not done) by the trustee in good faith in reliance on:

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- (a) any document served on the trustee for the purposes of this Part; or
- (b) an order made by a court in accordance with this Part.

90XZF Service of documents on trustee

- (1) If a document is required or permitted to be served for the purposes of this Part on the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan, the document may be served in any of the ways in which a document may be served under the Rules of Court.
- (2) Subsection (1) is in addition to any other method of service permitted by law.

90XZG False declarations

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
 - (a) the person makes a statement in a declaration, knowing that the statement is false or misleading; and
 - (b) the declaration is served on the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) An offence against subsection (1) is punishable by imprisonment for a period of up to 12 months.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the statement is not false or misleading in a material particular.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a declaration if a spouse to which the declaration relates died before the declaration was made.

90XZH Terminating employment because of payment flag etc.

A person must not terminate the employment of an employee on either of the following grounds:

- (a) a payment flag is operating in respect of a superannuation interest of the employee;

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- (b) a superannuation agreement or splitting order is in force in respect of a superannuation interest of the employee.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 500 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

90XZJ Requests for Commissioner of Taxation to provide superannuation information

Application for superannuation information

- (1) A person who is a party to property settlement proceedings:
 - (a) in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in relation to the person's marriage or de facto relationship with another person; or
 - (b) in the Family Court of Western Australia in relation to the person's marriage with another person;may apply, in the approved form, to a Senior Registry official of that Court for that official to request the superannuation information of that other person (the *other party*).

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- (2) If a Senior Registry official of a Court receives an application from a person under subsection (1) for the superannuation information of the other party, the official may:
 - (a) request the Commissioner of Taxation to disclose that superannuation information for the purpose of those proceedings; and
 - (b) if the Commissioner of Taxation discloses that superannuation information to the official for the purpose of those proceedings—disclose the superannuation information to the following:
 - (i) the person and each lawyer of the person;
 - (ii) the other party and each lawyer of the other party;

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for the person, other party or lawyer to make a record of, or disclose, for the purpose of those proceedings.

Note 1: Making a record of, or on-disclosing, that superannuation information may be an offence unless it is for the purpose of those proceedings, see sections 355-155 and 355-175 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

Note 2: Disclosing superannuation information for the purpose of those proceedings extends to disclosing the superannuation information to the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan as part of an application under section 90XZB for the purpose of those proceedings.

Approved form

- (3) An application made by a person under subsection (1) is in the approved form if and only if:
- (a) for an application to a Senior Registry official of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia—it is:
 - (i) in the form approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (ii) given in the manner required by the Chief Executive Officer (which may include electronically); and
 - (b) for an application to a Senior Registry official of the Family Court of Western Australia—it is:
 - (i) in the form approved in writing by the official; and
 - (ii) given in the manner required by the official (which may include electronically); and
 - (c) it contains the information (including any declaration) that the form requires.

Delegation

- (4) The Senior Registry official of the Family Court of Western Australia may, in writing, delegate any of the Senior Registry official's functions or powers under this section to any other appropriate officer or staff member of that Court.

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Senior Registry official:

- (a) of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia—means a Registry Manager of that Court; or
- (b) of the Family Court of Western Australia—means the Principal Registrar of that Court.

superannuation information, of a person, means information about the following:

- (a) the identity of each superannuation interest (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*) held by the person and the value of that interest most recently reported to the Commissioner of Taxation under a taxation law (within the meaning of that Act);
- (b) the identity and value of any account (within the meaning of the *Small Superannuation Accounts Act 1995*) in the person's name;
- (c) any amounts payable by the Commissioner of Taxation to the person, or for the benefit of the person, under the *Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Act 1999*;
- (d) any amounts of a shortfall component (within the meaning of Part 8 of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*) that is payable to the person, or for the benefit of the person, under that Part;
- (e) any amounts payable by the Commissioner of Taxation to the person, or for the benefit of the person, under the *Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003*.

Note: Paragraphs (c) to (e) of the definition of ***superannuation information*** cover amounts that are payable, but have not been paid, at the time a request for superannuation information is considered by the Commissioner of Taxation.

Part VIIC—Superannuation interests relating to Western Australian de facto relationships

Division 1—Preliminary

Subdivision A—Scope of this Part

90YA Object of this Part

The object of this Part is to allow certain payments (splittable payments) in respect of a superannuation interest to be allocated between de facto partners in a de facto relationship in Western Australia, either by agreement or by court order.

90YB Application of this Part

- (1) This Part applies if:
- (a) the Parliament of Western Australia has referred to the Parliament of the Commonwealth superannuation matters relating to de facto partners arising out of the breakdown of de facto relationships; and
 - (b) the referral of the superannuation matters is made:
 - (i) for the purposes of paragraph 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution; and
 - (ii) to the extent that the superannuation matters are not otherwise included in the legislative powers of the Parliament of the Commonwealth (otherwise than by a reference under paragraph 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution).

This subsection has effect subject to subsection (4).

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), ***superannuation matters***, in relation to de facto partners, means the distribution of superannuation benefits or prospective superannuation entitlements of or relating to de facto partners.

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- (3) This Part applies even if a law of Western Australia provides that a reference to the Commonwealth Parliament described in subsection (1) is to terminate in particular circumstances.
- (4) This Part ceases to apply if Western Australia's reference to the Commonwealth Parliament described in subsection (1) terminates.

90YC This Part overrides other laws, trust deeds etc.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), this Part has effect despite anything to the contrary in any of the following instruments (whether made before or after the commencement of this Part):
 - (a) any other law of the Commonwealth;
 - (b) any law of a State or Territory;
 - (c) anything in a trust deed or other instrument.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), nothing done in compliance with this Part by the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan is to be treated as resulting in a contravention of a law or instrument referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) This Part has effect subject to the *Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Act 1999*.

Subdivision B—Interpretation

90YD Definitions

In this Part:

approved deposit fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

declaration time, in relation to a separation declaration, means the time when the declaration was signed by a party to the de facto relationship (or last signed by a party, if both parties have signed).

Note: If a party has died, the party's legal personal representative may sign a declaration (see subsection 90YU(2)).

eligible superannuation plan means any of the following:

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- (a) a superannuation fund within the meaning of the SIS Act;
- (b) an approved deposit fund;
- (c) an RSA;
- (d) an account within the meaning of the *Small Superannuation Accounts Act 1995*;
- (e) a superannuation annuity (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*).

flagging order means an order mentioned in subsection 90YZ(1).

flag lifting agreement has the meaning given by section 90YS.

in force, in relation to a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement, has the meaning given by section 90YI.

interest includes a prospective or contingent interest, and also includes an expectancy.

member, in relation to an eligible superannuation plan, includes a beneficiary (including a contingent or prospective beneficiary).

member spouse, in relation to a superannuation interest, means the party to the de facto relationship who has the superannuation interest.

non-member spouse, in relation to a superannuation interest, means the party to the de facto relationship who is not the member spouse in relation to that interest.

operative time:

- (a) in relation to a payment split under a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement—has the meaning given by section 90YM; or
- (b) in relation to a payment flag under a superannuation agreement—has the meaning given by section 90YO or paragraph 90YQ(2)(c) as appropriate; or
- (c) in relation to a payment split under a court order—means the time specified in the order.

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payment flag means:

- (a) the application of section 90YP in relation to a superannuation interest; or
- (b) the application of a flagging order in relation to a superannuation interest.

payment split means:

- (a) the application of section 90YN in relation to a splittable payment; or
- (b) the application of a splitting order in relation to a splittable payment.

percentage-only interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

regulated superannuation fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

reversionary beneficiary means a person who becomes entitled to a benefit in respect of a superannuation interest of a party to a de facto relationship, after the party dies.

reversionary interest has the meaning given by section 90YH.

RSA means a retirement savings account within the meaning of the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997*.

secondary government trustee means a trustee that:

- (a) is the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; and
- (b) is a trustee only because of the operation of section 90YF.

separation declaration has the meaning given by section 90YU.

SIS Act means the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*.

splittable payment has the meaning given by section 90YG.

splitting order means an order mentioned in subsection 90YY(1).

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superannuation agreement has the meaning given by section 90YK.

Note: See also subsection 90YL(2).

superannuation interest means an interest that a person has as a member of an eligible superannuation plan, but does not include a reversionary interest.

trustee, in relation to an eligible superannuation plan, means:

- (a) if the plan is a fund that has a trustee (within the ordinary meaning of that word)—the trustee of the plan; or
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply and a person is identified in accordance with the regulations as the trustee of the plan for the purposes of this definition—the person identified in accordance with the regulations; or
- (c) in any other case—the person who manages the plan.

unflaggable interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

unsplittable interest means a superannuation interest prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

Western Australian financial agreement means an agreement that is a financial agreement within the meaning of Part 5A of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA).

Western Australian Rules of Court means rules made under section 244 of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) as in force from time to time.

90YE Meaning of *child of a de facto relationship*

For the purposes of this Part, a child is a ***child of a de facto relationship*** if the child is the child of both of the parties to the de facto relationship.

Note: To determine who is a child of a person, see Subdivision D of Division 1 of Part VII.

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90YF Extended meaning of trustee

If a person who is not the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan nevertheless has the power to make payments to members of the plan, then references in this Part to the trustee of the plan include references to that person.

90YG Splittable payments

- (1) Each of the following payments in respect of a superannuation interest of a party to a de facto relationship is a ***splittable payment***:
 - (a) a payment to the party;
 - (b) a payment to another person for the benefit of the party;
 - (c) a payment to the legal personal representative of the party, after the death of the party;
 - (d) a payment to a reversionary beneficiary, after the death of the party;
 - (e) a payment to the legal personal representative of a reversionary beneficiary covered by paragraph (d), after the death of the reversionary beneficiary.
- (2) A payment is not a splittable payment if it is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection. The regulations may prescribe a payment either:
 - (a) generally (that is, for the purposes of all payment splits in respect of a superannuation interest); or
 - (b) only for the purposes of applying this Part to a particular payment split in respect of a superannuation interest.
- (3) If a payment is made to another person for the benefit of 2 or more persons who include the party to the de facto relationship, then the payment is nevertheless a splittable payment, to the extent to which it is paid for the benefit of the party.

90YH Reversionary interest

For the purposes of this Part, a person's interest in an eligible superannuation plan is a ***reversionary interest*** at any time while the

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person's entitlement to benefits in respect of the interest is conditional on the death of another person who is still living.

90YI Meaning of *in force*

- (1) Subject to subsection 90YS(7), a superannuation agreement is ***in force*** at any time when the relevant Western Australian financial agreement is binding on the parties to the Western Australian financial agreement in accordance with the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA).
- (2) A flag lifting agreement is ***in force*** if, and only if:
 - (a) it meets the requirements set out in subsection 90YS(3); and
 - (b) it has not been set aside by a court and has not been terminated.

Subdivision C—Rules of Court

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- (1) The power of the judges (within the meaning of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA)), or a majority of them, to make rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia extends to making any rules, not inconsistent with this Part or with any regulations made under this Part, prescribing all matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Part.
- (2) This section does not affect any power to make rules under any other law.

Division 1A—Duty of disclosure

90YJA Duty of disclosure

Duty of disclosure in proceedings

- (1) Each party to a proceeding under this Part (other than proceedings on appeal) has a duty to the court and to each other party to give full and frank disclosure, in a timely manner, of all information and documents relevant to:
 - (a) for a party to the de facto relationship concerned—the issues under this Part in the proceeding; or
 - (b) for any other party to the proceeding—so much of the party's financial circumstances as are relevant to the issues under this Part in the proceeding.

- (2) The duty under subsection (1) applies from the start of the proceeding and continues until the proceeding is finalised.

Note: Courts have a range of powers that may be exercised to impose consequences when a person fails to comply with their duty of disclosure, including powers under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) and the Western Australian Rules of Court.

- (3) If a party has a litigation guardian, the duty under subsection (1) is taken to have been complied with if the litigation guardian complies with the duty to the extent they are capable of doing so.
- (4) The duty under subsection (1) does not apply to the respondent to an application that alleges a contravention of a court order or a contempt of court in relation to that application.

Duty of disclosure while preparing for proceedings

- (5) If separated parties to a de facto relationship are preparing for a proceeding to be brought under this Part (other than proceedings on appeal), each party has a duty to the other party to give full and frank disclosure, in a timely manner, of all information and

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documents relevant to the issues under this Part in the proposed proceeding.

- (6) The duty under subsection (5) applies at any time while the party is preparing for the proceeding.

Note: If proceedings are instituted, consequences, as mentioned in the note beneath subsection (2), may apply to a person who has failed to comply with their duty of disclosure under subsection (5).

Relevant information and documents

- (7) A party's duty to disclose information and documents is a duty to disclose information known to the party and documents that are or have been in the possession or under the control of the party.
- (8) The Western Australian Rules of Court may prescribe information or documents as information or documents to which the duty to disclose applies.

Note: The duty to disclose is not limited to prescribed information and documents. The Western Australian Rules of Court may also prescribe other matters in relation to the duty of disclosure.

Practitioners' obligation to provide information etc.

- (9) A legal practitioner or family dispute resolution practitioner who engages with a separated party to a de facto relationship who is or might be subject to the duty in subsection (1) or (5) must:
- (a) provide the party with information about:
 - (i) the duties of disclosure under this section and explain the circumstances in which they apply; and
 - (ii) potential consequences of the party not complying with the duties; and
 - (b) encourage the party to take all necessary steps to comply with the duties.

Division 2—Payment splitting or flagging by agreement

Subdivision A—Superannuation agreements

90YK Superannuation agreement to be included in Western Australian financial agreement if about a de facto relationship

- (1) This section applies if a Western Australian financial agreement includes an agreement that deals with superannuation interests of either or both of the parties to the Western Australian financial agreement. It does not matter whether or not the superannuation interests are in existence at the time the agreement is made.
- (2) The part of the Western Australian financial agreement that deals with superannuation interests is a ***superannuation agreement*** for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) A superannuation agreement has effect only in accordance with this Part. In particular, it cannot be enforced under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA).
- (4) A superannuation agreement that is included in a Western Australian financial agreement made under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) in contemplation of a de facto relationship has no effect unless and until the parties enter into that de facto relationship.
- (5) In applying the provisions of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) relating to making a Western Australian financial agreement for the purposes of this Division, a superannuation interest of a party to a Western Australian financial agreement is treated as being acquired at the time when that party first becomes a member of the eligible superannuation plan in respect of that interest.

**90YL Part VIIIB superannuation agreements that become
superannuation agreements for the purposes of this Part**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if:
- (a) 2 people (the ***couple***) have made a superannuation agreement within the meaning of Part VIIIB (the ***Part VIIIB superannuation agreement***) that is included in a Part VIIIB financial agreement; and
 - (b) at a later time after the commencement of this section (the ***transition time***), the couple's circumstances change so that:
 - (i) if the de facto relationship has not broken down—sections 90YZB and 90YZC would not prevent a court from making an order or declaration under this Part in relation to the de facto relationship if the de facto relationship were to break down; or
 - (ii) if the de facto relationship has broken down—sections 90YZB and 90YZC do not prevent a court from making an order or declaration under this Part in relation to the de facto relationship; and
 - (c) immediately before the transition time:
 - (i) the Part VIIIB superannuation agreement was in force; and
 - (ii) the couple were not married to each other; and
 - (d) as at the transition time, the Part VIIIB financial agreement is taken, under a law of Western Australia, to be a Western Australian financial agreement.

Paragraph (a) extends to agreements made before the commencement of this section, and to agreements made with one or more other people.

- (2) The Part VIIIB superannuation agreement is taken, from the transition time, to be a superannuation agreement within the meaning of this Part.

Note: Subsection (2) means that, from the transition time, the agreement has effect only in accordance with this Part.

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- (3) This Part applies in relation to a superannuation agreement covered by subsection (2) with such modifications as are necessary.

Subdivision B—Payment splitting

90YM Operative time for payment split

- (1) The *operative time* for a payment split under a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement is the beginning of the fourth business day after the day on which a copy of the agreement is served on the trustee, accompanied by:
- (a) for a payment split under a superannuation agreement if a separation declaration is not part of the superannuation agreement—a separation declaration; and
 - (b) if the agreement specifies a method for calculating a base amount—a document setting out the amount calculated using that method; and
 - (c) if a form of declaration is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph—a declaration in that form.

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the separation declaration must have a declaration time that is not more than 28 days before the service on the trustee.

90YN Payment split under superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement

- (1) This section applies to a superannuation interest if:
- (a) the interest is identified in a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement; and
 - (b) if the interest is a percentage-only interest—the agreement does one of the following:
 - (i) it specifies a percentage that is to apply for the purposes of this subparagraph;

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- (ii) it specifies a percentage that is to apply to all splittable payments in respect of the interest; and
- (c) if the interest is not a percentage-only interest—the agreement does one of the following:
 - (i) it specifies an amount as a base amount in relation to the interest for the purposes of this Part;
 - (ii) it specifies a method by which such a base amount can be calculated at the time when the agreement is served on the trustee under section 90YM;
 - (iii) it specifies a percentage that is to apply to all splittable payments in respect of the interest; and
- (d) the agreement is in force at the operative time; and
- (e) the de facto relationship to which the agreement relates is broken down at the operative time; and
- (f) the interest is not an unsplittable interest.

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

- (2) The following provisions begin to apply to the interest at the operative time.
- (3) Whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
 - (a) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) that is calculated under subsection (4); and
 - (b) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the payment split.
- (4) The amount is calculated as follows:
 - (a) if the agreement specifies a percentage as mentioned in subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) or (c)(iii)—the amount is calculated by applying the specified percentage to the splittable payment;
 - (b) otherwise—the amount is calculated in accordance with the regulations.

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- (5) Subject to section 90YZL, this section continues to apply to the superannuation interest even if the agreement referred to in subsection (1) of this section later ceases to be in force.

Subdivision C—Payment flagging

90YO Operative time for payment flag

- (1) The *operative time* for a payment flag under a superannuation agreement is:
- (a) the service time, if the eligible superannuation plan is a self-managed superannuation fund; or
 - (b) otherwise, the beginning of the fourth business day after the day on which the service time occurs.
- (2) In this section:

self-managed superannuation fund has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

service time means the time when a copy of the agreement is served on the trustee, accompanied by:

- (a) a separation declaration with a declaration time that is not more than 28 days before the service on the trustee; and
- (b) if a form of declaration is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph—a declaration in that form.

90YP Payment flag

- (1) This section applies to a superannuation interest if:
- (a) the interest is identified in a superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) the agreement provides that the interest is to be subject to a payment flag under this Part; and
 - (c) the agreement is in force at the operative time; and
 - (d) the interest is not an unflaggable interest.
- (2) A payment flag starts to operate on the superannuation interest at the operative time and continues to operate until either:
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- (a) a court terminates the operation of the payment flag by an order mentioned in section 90YR; or
 - (b) a flag lifting agreement is served on the trustee as mentioned in section 90YM in respect of the superannuation interest.
- (3) If a payment flag ceases to operate because of paragraph (2)(b), the cessation is not affected by a later termination of the flag lifting agreement.
- (4) While a payment flag is operating on a superannuation interest, the trustee must not make any splittable payment to any person in respect of the interest.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply if the splittable payment is made in circumstances in which section 90YQ applies.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (6) If a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of a superannuation interest while a payment flag is operating, the trustee must, within 14 days after it became payable, give written notice to the member spouse and the non-member spouse.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (7) Subsection (6) does not apply if the trustee has previously given a notice under that subsection, for an earlier splittable payment, in respect of the payment flag.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (8) If either party to the de facto relationship dies while a payment flag is operating:
- (a) the payment flag nevertheless continues to operate; and
 - (b) the legal personal representative of the deceased party has all the rights the deceased party would have had in respect of the payment flag.

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Note: The rights of the legal personal representative under paragraph (b) include the right to enter into a flag lifting agreement under section 90YS.

90YQ Some splittable payments payable if payment flag operating

- (1) This section applies if:
 - (a) a superannuation interest (*original interest*) a person has in an eligible superannuation plan (*old ESP*) is identified in a superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) a payment flag under section 90YP is operating on the original interest; and
 - (c) a splittable payment is made by the trustee of the old ESP to the trustee of another eligible superannuation plan (*new ESP*) in respect of the original interest as part of a successor fund transfer.
- (2) If this section applies, then:
 - (a) the new interest in the new ESP is taken to be the original interest identified in the superannuation agreement; and
 - (b) the payment flag operates on the new interest; and
 - (c) despite section 90YO, the operative time for the payment flag in respect of the new interest is the time that the payment to the trustee of the new ESP is made.
- (3) In this section:

successor fund transfer means the transfer of a person's superannuation interest in the old ESP in circumstances where:

 - (a) the new ESP confers on the person, in relation to the new interest, equivalent rights to the rights the person had in relation to the original interest; and
 - (b) before the transfer, the trustee of the new ESP had agreed with the trustee of the old ESP to the conferral of such rights.

90YR Payment flag may be terminated by court

If the Family Court of Western Australia, or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, makes an order under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) setting aside a Western Australian financial agreement in respect of which a payment flag is operating, the court may also make an order terminating the operation of the flag.

Note: Under section 90YK, a superannuation agreement relating to a de facto relationship must be part of a Western Australian financial agreement. Therefore, setting aside the Western Australian financial agreement also has the effect of setting aside the superannuation agreement.

90YS Flag lifting agreement etc.

- (1) At any time when a payment flag is operating on a superannuation interest, the parties to the de facto relationship may make an agreement (a ***flag lifting agreement***) that either:
 - (a) provides that the flag is to cease operating without any payment split; or
 - (b) specifies an amount, method or percentage in accordance with subsection 90YN(1).
- (2) If the flag lifting agreement provides for a payment split, the parties to the de facto relationship may at any time make an agreement (a ***termination agreement***) that terminates the flag lifting agreement.
- (3) A flag lifting agreement or termination agreement has no effect unless it complies with the following requirements:
 - (a) the agreement must be signed by both parties to the de facto relationship;
 - (b) for each party, the agreement must contain a statement that the party has been provided with independent legal advice from a legal practitioner as to the legal effect of the agreement;

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- (c) a certificate must be attached to the agreement, signed by the person who provided the legal advice and stating that the advice was provided;
 - (d) after the agreement is signed by the parties, each party must be provided with a copy of the agreement.
- (4) The Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may make an order setting aside a flag lifting agreement or termination agreement if, and only if, the court is satisfied that:
 - (a) the agreement was obtained by fraud (including non-disclosure of a material matter); or
 - (b) a party to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding or defeating a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (ii) with reckless disregard of the interests of a creditor or creditors of the party; or
 - (c) a party (the ***agreement party***) to the agreement entered into the agreement:
 - (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding another person who is a party to a de facto relationship (the ***other de facto relationship***) with a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defeating the interests of that other person in relation to any possible or pending application for an order under section 90SM or 90YX of this Act or section 205ZG of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA), or a declaration under section 90SL of this Act or section 205ZA of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA), in relation to the other de facto relationship; or
 - (iii) with reckless disregard of those interests of that other person; or
 - (d) a party (the ***agreement party***) to the agreement entered into the agreement:

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- (i) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defrauding another person who is a party to a marriage with a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) for the purpose, or for purposes that included the purpose, of defeating the interests of that other person in relation to any possible or pending application for an order under section 79, or a declaration under section 78, in relation to the marriage (or void marriage); or
- (iii) with reckless disregard of those interests of that other person; or
- (e) the agreement is void, voidable or unenforceable; or
- (f) in the circumstances that have arisen since the agreement was made it is impracticable for the agreement or a part of the agreement to be carried out; or
- (g) since the making of the agreement, a material change in circumstances has occurred (being circumstances relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the de facto relationship) and, as a result of the change, the child or, if the applicant has caring responsibility for the child (as defined in subsection (6)), a party to the agreement will suffer hardship if the court does not set the agreement aside; or
- (h) a party to the agreement engaged in conduct that was, in all the circumstances, unconscionable; or
- (i) the agreement covers at least one superannuation interest that is an unsplittable interest for the purposes of this Part.

Note: If a court makes an order setting aside a flag lifting agreement, the court may then make an order under section 90YX in relation to the superannuation interest.

- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b), **creditor**, in relation to a party to the agreement, includes a person who could reasonably have been foreseen by the party as being reasonably likely to become a creditor of the party.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(g), a person has **caring responsibility** for a child if:

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- (a) the person is a parent of the child with whom the child lives; or
 - (b) a parenting order provides that:
 - (i) the child is to live with the person; or
 - (ii) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
- (7) An order setting aside a flag lifting agreement also operates to set aside the related superannuation agreement.
- (8) If the Family Court of Western Australia, or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, makes an order under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) setting aside a Western Australian financial agreement that has a related flag lifting agreement, the court must also make an order setting aside the flag lifting agreement. Subsection (4) of this section does not apply to the order setting aside the flag lifting agreement.

Note: If a court makes an order setting aside a flag lifting agreement, the court may then make an order under section 90YX in relation to the superannuation interest.

Subdivision D—Miscellaneous

90YT Limitation on section 90YX order

- (1) A court cannot make an order under section 90YX with respect to a superannuation interest if:
 - (a) the superannuation interest is covered by a superannuation agreement that is in force; or
 - (b) the non-member spouse has served a waiver notice on the trustee under section 90YZQ in respect of the interest; or
 - (c) a payment flag is operating on the superannuation interest.

Note: Under section 90YR, the Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia can terminate the operation of a payment flag in certain circumstances.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the court taking superannuation interests into account when making an order under the *Family*

Court Act 1997 (WA) with respect to other property of the parties to the de facto relationship.

90YU Separation declaration

- (1) A **separation declaration** is a written declaration that complies with this section, and may be included in the superannuation agreement to which it relates.
- (2) The declaration must be signed by at least one of the parties to the de facto relationship. For this purpose, if a party has died the party's legal personal representative may sign the declaration.
- (3) The declaration must state:
 - (a) that the parties lived in a de facto relationship, but are separated, at the declaration time; or
 - (b) if either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship have died—that the parties lived in a de facto relationship, but were separated at the most recent time when both parties were alive.

90YW Enforcement by court order

- (1) The Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may make such orders as it thinks necessary for the enforcement of a payment split or payment flag under this Division.
- (2) The question whether a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement is valid, enforceable or effective is to be determined by the court according to the principles of law and equity that are applicable in determining the validity, enforceability and effect of contracts and purported contracts.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), in proceedings relating to a superannuation agreement or flag lifting agreement, the Family Court of Western Australia, or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, has the same powers, may grant the same remedies and must have the same regard to the rights of third parties as the High

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Division 3—Payment splitting or flagging by court order

Subdivision A—Orders in relation to superannuation interests

90YX Orders in relation to superannuation interests

- (1) In proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to a superannuation interest of either or both of the parties, the Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may, in accordance with this Division, make orders in relation to the superannuation interest.

Note 1: The geographical requirement in section 90YZB must be satisfied.

Note 2: The court must be satisfied of at least one of the matters in section 90YZC.

Note 3: Subsections 44(7) and (9) and sections 90YT and 90YZD limit the scope of this section.

- (2) A court cannot make an order under this section in relation to a superannuation interest except in accordance with this Part.

90YY Splitting order

- (1) The Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may, under section 90YX, make the following orders in relation to a superannuation interest (other than an unsplitable interest):
- (a) if the interest is not a percentage-only interest—an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
- (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) calculated in accordance with the regulations; and
- (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;

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- (b) an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
 - (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid a specified percentage of the splittable payment; and
 - (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;
 - (c) if the interest is a percentage-only interest—an order to the effect that, whenever a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest:
 - (i) the non-member spouse is entitled to be paid the amount (if any) calculated in accordance with the regulations by reference to the percentage specified in the order; and
 - (ii) there is a corresponding reduction in the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the order;
 - (d) such other orders as the court thinks necessary for the enforcement of an order under paragraph (a), (b) or (c).
- (2) Before making an order referred to in subsection (1), the court must make a determination under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection as follows:
 - (a) if the regulations provide for the determination of an amount in relation to the interest, the court must determine the amount in accordance with the regulations;
 - (b) otherwise, the court must determine the value of the interest by such method as the court considers appropriate.
- (3) The amount determined under paragraph (2)(a) is taken to be the value of the interest.
- (4) Regulations for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(a)(i) or paragraph (2)(a) may provide for the amount concerned to be determined wholly or partly by reference to methods or factors that are approved in writing by the Minister for the purposes of the regulations (each of these is an ***approved method or factor***).

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- (4A) If there is an approved method or factor for a superannuation interest in an eligible superannuation plan, the Minister may, in circumstances prescribed by the regulations, give a written direction to the trustee of that plan requiring the trustee, within the period specified in the direction, to do a thing prescribed by the regulations in relation to the approved method or factor.
- (4B) The regulations may prescribe matters in relation to the content of a direction.
- (4C) A direction made under subsection (4A) is not a legislative instrument.
- (4D) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person receives a direction from the Minister under subsection (4A); and
 - (b) the person does not comply with the direction.

Note: The penalty for a body corporate is 250 penalty units. See subsection 4B(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (5) Before making an order referred to in paragraph (1)(a), the court must allocate a base amount to the non-member spouse, not exceeding the value determined under subsection (2).

Note: The base amount is used to calculate the entitlement of the non-member spouse under the regulations.

90YZ Flagging order

- (1) The Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may, under section 90YX, make an order in relation to a superannuation interest (other than an unflaggable interest):
- (a) directing the trustee not to make any splittable payment in respect of the interest without the leave of the court; and
 - (b) requiring the trustee to notify the member spouse and the non-member spouse, within a period specified in the order, of

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the next occasion when a splittable payment becomes payable in respect of the interest.

- (2) In deciding whether to make an order in accordance with this section, the court may take into account such matters as it considers relevant and, in particular, may take into account the likelihood that a splittable payment will soon become payable in respect of the superannuation interest.

90YZA Some splittable payments may be made without leave of court

- (1) A flagging order made under subsection 90YZ(1) in relation to a superannuation interest (*original interest*) a person has in an eligible superannuation plan (*old ESP*) does not apply to a splittable payment if the splittable payment is made by the trustee of the old ESP to the trustee of another eligible superannuation plan (*new ESP*) in respect of the original interest as part of a successor fund transfer.
- (2) If the splittable payment is made, then the flagging order is taken to be made in relation to the new interest from the time that the payment to the trustee of the new ESP is made.
- (3) In this section:
- successor fund transfer* means the transfer of a person's superannuation interest in the old ESP in circumstances where:
- (a) the new ESP confers on the person, in relation to the new interest, equivalent rights to the rights the person had in relation to the original interest; and
 - (b) before the transfer, the trustee of the new ESP had agreed with the trustee of the old ESP to the conferral of such rights.

90YZB Geographical requirement

Before making an order under section 90YX, a court must be satisfied:

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- (a) that one or both of the parties to the application were resident in Western Australia on the day on which the application was made; and
- (b) that:
 - (i) both parties have resided in Western Australia for at least one third of the duration of their de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) substantial contributions of the kind referred to in paragraph 205ZG(4)(a), (b) or (c) of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) have been made in the State by the applicant.

90YZC Length of relationship etc.

- (1) A court may make an order under section 90YX in relation to a de facto relationship only if satisfied:
 - (a) that there has been a de facto relationship between the parties to the de facto relationship for at least 2 years; or
 - (b) that there is a child (within the meaning of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA)) of the de facto relationship and failure to make the order would result in serious injustice to the partner caring or responsible for the child; or
 - (c) that the party to the de facto relationship who applies for the order made substantial contributions of a kind mentioned in paragraph 205ZG(4)(a), (b) or (c) of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) and failure to make the order would result in serious injustice to that party.
- (2) In deciding whether there has been a de facto relationship between the parties to the de facto relationship for at least 2 years, the court must consider whether there was any break in the continuity of the relationship and, if so, the length of the break and the extent of the breakdown in the relationship.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the matters the court may consider.

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90YZD Other rules relating to proceedings under section 90YX

- (1) If a party to a de facto relationship dies after the breakdown of the de facto relationship, an order made under section 90YX in relation to the de facto relationship may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (2) A court must not make an order under section 90YX unless it is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, it is just and equitable to make the order.
- (3) To avoid doubt, for the purposes of being satisfied under subsection (2) of this section that, in all the circumstances, it is just and equitable to make an order under section 90YX of this Act, the circumstances include any other orders made, or to be made, under section 205ZG of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) in relation to property of the parties to the de facto relationship.
- (4) In considering what order (if any) should be made under section 90YX of this Act, the court must take into account:
 - (a) the financial contribution made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of a party to the de facto relationship, or a child of the de facto relationship:
 - (i) to the acquisition, conservation or improvement of any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) otherwise in relation to any of that last-mentioned property;
whether or not that last-mentioned property has, since the making of the contribution, ceased to be the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) the contribution (other than a financial contribution) made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of a party to the de facto relationship, or a child of the de facto relationship:
 - (i) to the acquisition, conservation or improvement of any of the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or

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- (ii) otherwise in relation to any of that last-mentioned property;
whether or not that last-mentioned property has, since the making of the contribution, ceased to be the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
- (c) the contribution made by a party to the de facto relationship to the welfare of the family constituted by the parties to the de facto relationship and any children of the de facto relationship, including any contribution made in the capacity of homemaker or parent; and
- (ca) the effect of any family violence, to which one party to the de facto relationship has subjected or exposed the other party, on the ability of a party to the de facto relationship to make the kind of contributions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c);
- (d) the effect of any proposed order upon the earning capacity of either party to the de facto relationship; and
- (e) the following matters, so far as they are relevant:
 - (i) the age and state of health of each of the parties to the de facto relationship (the *subject de facto relationship*);
 - (ii) the income, property and financial resources of each of the parties and the physical and mental capacity of each of them for appropriate gainful employment;
 - (iii) the extent to which either party has the care of a child of the subject de facto relationship who has not attained the age of 18 years, including the need of either party to provide appropriate housing for such a child;
 - (iv) commitments of each of the parties that are necessary to enable the party to support themselves and a child or another person that the party has a duty to maintain;
 - (v) the responsibilities of either party to support any other person;
 - (vi) the eligibility of either party for a pension, allowance or benefit under any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or Territory or of another country or under any superannuation fund or scheme (whether the fund or

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- scheme was established, or operates, within or outside Australia) and the rate of any such pension, allowance or benefit being paid to either party;
- (vii) a standard of living that in all the circumstances is reasonable;
 - (viii) the effect of any proposed order on the ability of a creditor of a party to recover the creditor's debt, so far as that effect is relevant;
 - (ix) the duration of the subject de facto relationship and the extent to which it has affected the earning capacity of the parties to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (x) the need to protect a party who wishes to continue that party's role as a parent;
 - (xi) if either party is cohabiting with another person—the financial circumstances relating to the cohabitation;
 - (xii) the effect of any family violence, to which one party to the subject de facto relationship has subjected or exposed the other party, on the current and future circumstances of the other party, including on any of the matters listed in this paragraph or any of paragraphs (f) to (n);
 - (xiii) the effect of any material wastage, caused intentionally or recklessly by a party to the subject de facto relationship, of property or financial resources of either of the parties to the subject de facto relationship or both of them;
 - (xiv) any liabilities incurred by either of the parties to the subject de facto relationship or both of them, including the nature of the liabilities and the circumstances relating to them; and
- (f) the terms of any other order made or proposed to be made under section 205ZG of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) in relation to vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt de facto party to the subject de facto relationship; and

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- (g) the terms of any other order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under Part 5A of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) in relation to vested bankruptcy property in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship (in relation to another de facto relationship); or
 - (ii) a person who is a party to another de facto relationship with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
- (h) the terms of any order or declaration made, or proposed to be made, under Part VIII of this Act in relation to vested bankruptcy property in relation to:
 - (i) a party to the subject de facto relationship; or
 - (ii) a person who is a party to a marriage with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
- (i) any other order made under Part 5A of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) affecting a party to the subject de facto relationship or a child of the subject de facto relationship; and
- (j) any child support under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* that a party to the subject de facto relationship has provided, is to provide, or might be liable to provide in the future, for a child of the subject de facto relationship; and
- (k) any fact or circumstance which, in the opinion of the court, the justice of the case requires to be taken into account; and
- (l) the terms of any Part VIIIAB financial agreement that is binding on either or both of the parties to the subject de facto relationship; and
- (m) the terms of any financial agreement that is binding on a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
- (n) the terms of any Western Australian financial agreement that is binding on a party to the subject de facto relationship.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90YE.

- (5) Without limiting the power of any court to grant an adjournment in proceedings under this Act, if, in proceedings under section 90YX, a court is of the opinion:

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- (a) that there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them and that, having regard to the time when that change is likely to take place, it is reasonable to adjourn the proceedings; and
- (b) that an order that the court could make with respect to:
 - (i) the superannuation interests of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (ii) any vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt de facto party to the de facto relationship;if that significant change in financial circumstances occurs is more likely to do justice as between the parties to the de facto relationship than an order that the court could make immediately with respect to:
 - (iii) the superannuation interests of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or
 - (iv) any vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship;

the court may, if so requested by either party to the de facto relationship or the relevant bankruptcy trustee (if any), adjourn the proceedings until such time, before the expiration of a period specified by the court, as that party to the de facto relationship or the relevant bankruptcy trustee, as the case may be, applies for the proceedings to be determined, but nothing in this subsection requires the court to adjourn any proceedings in any particular circumstances.

- (6) If a court proposes to adjourn proceedings as provided by subsection (5), the court may, before so adjourning the proceedings, make such interim order or orders or such other order or orders (if any) as it considers appropriate with respect to:
 - (a) a superannuation interest of the parties to the de facto relationship or of either of them; or
 - (b) any vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt party to the de facto relationship.

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- (7) The court may, in forming an opinion for the purposes of subsection (5) as to whether there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of either or both of the parties to the de facto relationship, have regard to any change in the financial circumstances of a party to the de facto relationship that may occur by reason that the party to the de facto relationship:
- (a) is a contributor to a superannuation fund or scheme, or participates in any scheme or arrangement that is in the nature of a superannuation scheme; or
 - (b) may become entitled to property as the result of the exercise in the party's favour, by the trustee of a discretionary trust, of a power to distribute trust property;
- but nothing in this subsection limits the circumstances in which the court may form the opinion that there is likely to be a significant change in the financial circumstances of a party to the de facto relationship.
- (8) If a party to the de facto relationship dies after the breakdown of the de facto relationship, but before proceedings under section 90YX are completed:
- (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have made an order with respect to a superannuation interest if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to make an order with respect to a superannuation interest;the court may make such order as it considers appropriate with respect to:
 - (iii) a superannuation interest of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; or

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- (iv) any vested bankruptcy property in relation to a bankrupt de facto party to the de facto relationship; and
 - (c) an order made by the court pursuant to paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
- (9) A court must not make an order under section 90YX (other than an order until further order or an order made with the consent of all the parties to the proceedings) unless:
 - (a) the parties to the proceedings have attended a conference in relation to the matter to which the proceedings relate with a person referred to in paragraph 205ZG(9)(a) of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA); or
 - (b) the court is satisfied that, having regard to the need to make an order urgently, or to any other special circumstance, it is appropriate to make the order notwithstanding that the parties to the proceedings have not attended a conference as mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or
 - (c) the court is satisfied that it is not practicable to require the parties to the proceedings to attend a conference as mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (10) The following are entitled to become a party to proceedings in which an application is made for an order under section 90YX by a party to a de facto relationship (the ***subject de facto relationship***):
 - (a) a creditor of a party to the proceedings if the creditor may not be able to recover the creditor's debt if the order were made;
 - (b) a person:
 - (i) who is a party to a de facto relationship (the ***other de facto relationship***) with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) who could apply, or has an application pending, for an order under section 90YX in relation to the other de facto relationship;
 - (c) a person who is a party to a Part VIIIAB financial agreement (that is binding on the person) or a Western Australian

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financial agreement with a party to the subject de facto relationship;

- (d) a person:
 - (i) who is a party to a marriage with a party to the subject de facto relationship; and
 - (ii) who could apply, or has an application pending, for an order under section 79, or a declaration under section 78, in relation to the marriage (or void marriage);
 - (e) a person who is a party to a financial agreement (that is binding on the person) with a party to the subject de facto relationship;
 - (f) any other person whose interests would be affected by the making of the order.
- (11) Subsection (10) does not apply to a creditor of a party to the proceedings:
- (a) if the party is a bankrupt—to the extent to which the debt is a provable debt (within the meaning of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*); or
 - (b) if the party is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement—to the extent to which the debt is covered by the personal insolvency agreement.
- (12) If a person becomes a party to proceedings under section 90YX because of paragraph (10)(b) of this section, the person may, in the proceedings, apply for an order under that section in relation to the other de facto relationship described in that paragraph.
- (13) If a person becomes a party to proceedings under section 90YX because of paragraph (10)(d) of this section, the person may, in the proceedings, apply for:
- (a) an order under section 79; or
 - (b) a declaration under section 78;
- in relation to the marriage (or void marriage) described in that paragraph.
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- (14) If:
- (a) an application is made for an order under section 90YX in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to a superannuation interest of either or both of the parties; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the application was made, the party was a bankrupt;
 - (ii) after the application was made but before it is finally determined, the party became a bankrupt; and
 - (c) the bankruptcy trustee applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the bankrupt's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under section 90YX in the proceedings;
- the court must join the bankruptcy trustee as a party to the proceedings.
- (15) If a bankruptcy trustee is a party to proceedings under this Part in relation to a superannuation interest of either or both of the parties to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the bankrupt party to the de facto relationship is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party.
- (16) The court must not grant leave under subsection (15) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.
- (17) If:
- (a) an application is made for an order under section 90YX in proceedings between the parties to a de facto relationship with respect to a superannuation interest of either or both of the parties; and
 - (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship (the **debtor party**):

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- (i) when the application was made, the party was a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
 - (ii) after the application was made but before it is finally determined, the party becomes a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement; and
 - (c) the trustee of the agreement applies to the court to be joined as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (d) the court is satisfied that the interests of the debtor party's creditors may be affected by the making of an order under this section in the proceedings;
- the court must join the trustee of the agreement as a party to the proceedings.
- (18) If the trustee of a personal insolvency agreement is a party to proceedings under this Part in relation to a superannuation interest of either or both of the parties to a de facto relationship, then, except with the leave of the court, the party to the de facto relationship who is the debtor subject to the agreement is not entitled to make a submission to the court in connection with any superannuation interest subject to the agreement.
- (19) The court must not grant leave under subsection (18) unless the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.
- (20) For the purposes of subsections (14) and (17), an application for an order under section 90YX is taken to be finally determined when:
- (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) an order (other than an interim order) is made as a result of the application.

90YZE Varying and setting aside orders under section 90YX

- (1) If, on application by a person affected by an order made by the Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia under section 90YX, the court is satisfied that:
- (a) there has been a miscarriage of justice by reason of fraud, duress, suppression of evidence (including failure to disclose

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relevant information), the giving of false evidence or any other circumstance; or

- (b) in the circumstances that have arisen since the order was made it is impracticable for the order to be carried out or impracticable for a part of the order to be carried out; or
- (c) a person has defaulted in carrying out an obligation imposed on the person by the order and, in the circumstances that have arisen as a result of that default, it is just and equitable to vary the order or to set the order aside and make another order in substitution for the order; or
- (d) in the circumstances that have arisen since the making of the order, being circumstances of an exceptional nature relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the de facto relationship, the child or, where the applicant has caring responsibility for the child (as defined in subsection (3)), the applicant, will suffer hardship if the court does not vary the order or set the order aside and make another order in substitution for the order; or
- (e) a proceeds of crime order has been made covering property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them, or a proceeds of crime order has been made against a party to the de facto relationship;

the court may, in its discretion, vary the order or set the order aside and, if it considers appropriate, make another order under section 90YX in substitution for the order so set aside.

Note: For *child of a de facto relationship*, see section 90YE.

- (2) A court may, on application by a person affected by an order under section 90YX, and with the consent of all the parties to the proceedings in which the order was made, vary the order or set the order aside and, if it considers appropriate, make another order under section 90YX in substitution for the order so set aside.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), a person has ***caring responsibility*** for a child if:
 - (a) the person is a parent of the child with whom the child lives; or

- (b) a parenting order provides that:
 - (i) the child is to live with the person; or
 - (ii) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
 - (4) An order varied or made under subsection (1) or (2) may, after the death of a party to the de facto relationship in relation to which the order was so varied or made, be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
 - (5) If, before proceedings under this section in relation to an order made under section 90YX are completed, a party to the de facto relationship dies:
 - (a) the proceedings may be continued by or against, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of the deceased party and the Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision in relation to the substitution of the legal personal representative as a party to the proceedings; and
 - (b) if the court is of the opinion:
 - (i) that it would have exercised its powers under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in relation to the order if the deceased party had not died; and
 - (ii) that it is still appropriate to exercise its powers under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in relation to the order;the court may vary the order, set the order aside, or set the order aside and make another order under section 90YX in substitution for the order so set aside; and
 - (c) an order varied or made by the court pursuant to paragraph (b) may be enforced on behalf of, or against, as the case may be, the estate of the deceased party.
 - (6) In the exercise of its powers under subsection (1), (2) or (5), a court must have regard to the interests of, and must make any order proper for the protection of, a bona fide purchaser or other person interested.
 - (7) For the purposes of this section, a creditor of a party to the proceedings in which the order under section 90YX was made is
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taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order if the creditor may not be able to recover the creditor's debt because the order has been made.

(8) For the purposes of this section, if:

- (a) an order is made by a court under section 90YX in proceedings with respect to a superannuation interest of the parties to a de facto relationship or either of them; and
- (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the order was made, the party was a bankrupt;
 - (ii) after the order was made, the party became a bankrupt;

the bankruptcy trustee is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.

(9) For the purposes of this section, if:

- (a) a party to a de facto relationship is a bankrupt; and
- (b) an order is made by a court under section 90YX in proceedings with respect to any vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party;

the bankruptcy trustee is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.

(10) For the purposes of this section, if:

- (a) an order is made by a court under section 90YX in proceedings with respect to a superannuation interest of the parties to a de facto relationship or either of them; and
- (b) either of the following subparagraphs apply to a party to the de facto relationship:
 - (i) when the order was made, the party was a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
 - (ii) after the order was made, the party became a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;

the trustee of the agreement is taken to be a person whose interests are affected by the order.

Subdivision B—Notification of application

90YZF Notifying third parties about application

The Western Australian Rules of Court may specify the circumstances in which a person who:

- (a) applies for an order under this Division; or
- (b) is a party to a proceeding for an order under this Division;

is to give notice of the application to a person who is not a party to the proceedings.

Note: The Western Australian Rules of Court may, for example, make provision for the notification of a person married to, or in a de facto relationship with, the applicant or respondent to the proceedings.

90YZG Notifying bankruptcy trustee etc. about application under section 90YX or 90YZE

- (1) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a bankrupt who becomes a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90YX or 90YZE to give notice of the application to the bankruptcy trustee.
- (2) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement who becomes a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90YX or 90YZE to give notice of the application to the trustee of the agreement.

90YZH Notifying court about bankruptcy etc.

Bankruptcy

- (1) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
 - (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90YX or 90YZE; and

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(c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a bankrupt;
to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Part that the person has become a bankrupt.

Debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement

- (2) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
- (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90YX or 90YZE; and
 - (c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
- to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Part that the person has become a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement.

Institution of proceeding under the Bankruptcy Act 1966

- (3) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
- (a) is a party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
 - (b) is a party to a proceeding for an application under section 90YX or 90YZE; and
 - (c) before that application is finally determined, becomes a party to a proceeding before the Federal Court or the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* that relates to:
 - (i) the bankruptcy of the person; or
 - (ii) the person's capacity as a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement;
- to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Part of the institution of the proceeding under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.
- (4) The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:
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- (a) is the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to a de facto relationship that has broken down; and
- (b) applies under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* for an order under Division 4A of Part VI of that Act; to notify a court exercising jurisdiction under this Part of the making of the application.

When application finally determined

- (5) For the purposes of this section, an application for an order under section 90YX or 90YZE is taken to be finally determined when:
 - (a) the application is withdrawn or dismissed; or
 - (b) an order (other than an interim order) is made as a result of the application.

90YZI Notifying non-bankrupt de facto party about application under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*

The Western Australian Rules of Court may make provision for a person who:

- (a) is the bankruptcy trustee of a bankrupt party to a de facto relationship; and
- (b) applies under section 139A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* for an order under Division 4A of Part VI of that Act in relation to an entity (other than the other party to the de facto relationship);

to notify the other party to the de facto relationship of the making of the application if that bankruptcy trustee is aware:

- (c) that the de facto relationship has broken down; and
- (d) that either party to the de facto relationship is a party to proceedings under this Part.

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Subdivision C—Duty of court to end financial relations

90YZJ Duty of court to end financial relations

In proceedings under this Division, the court must, as far as practicable, make such orders as will finally determine the distribution of superannuation benefits or prospective superannuation entitlements of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them.

Subdivision D—Orders and injunctions binding third parties

90YZK Orders and injunctions binding third parties

- (1) In addition to the effect Part VIIIAA has apart from this section, that Part also has effect in relation to:
 - (a) orders under this Division; and
 - (b) proceedings for orders under this Division;with the modifications provided for in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) Part VIIIAA has effect in accordance with subsection (1) as if the following substitutions were made:

Substitutions to be made		
Item	For a reference in Part VIIIAA to ...	substitute a reference to ...
1	marriage	de facto relationship
2	section 79	section 90YX
3	property (other than a reference in section 90AK)	superannuation

- (3) Part VIIIAA has effect in accordance with subsection (1) as if:
 - (a) section 90AD were omitted; and
 - (b) paragraph 90AF(3)(d) were omitted.

Division 4—General provisions about payment splitting

90YZL Court may cancel payment split

- (1) The Family Court of Western Australia or the Magistrates Court of Western Australia may, under section 90YX, make an order terminating the operation of a payment split if:
 - (a) the superannuation agreement in respect of the payment split has ceased to be in force; and
 - (b) the non-member spouse has not served a waiver notice on the trustee under section 90YZQ in respect of the payment split.
- (2) The termination has effect for splittable payments that become payable after the date specified in the order.

90YZM Deductions from splittable payment before calculating payment split

Any deduction that the trustee is entitled to make from a splittable payment is to be deducted from the splittable payment before calculating any payment split and before applying section 90YZN.

90YZN Multiple payment splits applying to the same splittable payment

- (1) This section applies if 2 or more payment splits apply to the same splittable payment.
- (2) The payments splits are to be calculated in order of their operative times, starting with the earliest time.
- (3) For the purpose of calculating each of those payment splits (other than the one with the earliest operative time), the amount of the splittable payment is taken to be reduced by the amount to which a person other than the member spouse is entitled under the payment split with the next earlier operative time.

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Example: W has a superannuation interest that is subject to 3 payment splits in respect of W's de facto relationship with X, W's de facto relationship with Y and W's de facto relationship with Z (in that order). The operative times of the payment splits are in the same order as the relationships. Assume each payment split provides for a 50% share to the non-member spouse. W becomes entitled to a splittable payment of \$100. The final payment entitlements are as follows: X gets \$50. Y gets \$25. Z gets \$12.50. W gets the remaining \$12.50.

90YZO Fees payable to trustee

- (1) The regulations may:
 - (a) allow trustees to charge reasonable fees:
 - (i) in respect of a payment split; or
 - (ii) otherwise in respect of the operation of this Part in relation to a superannuation interest; and
 - (b) prescribe the person or persons liable to pay those fees.
- (2) If any such fee remains unpaid after the time it is due for payment, then the trustee may recover any unpaid amount by deduction from amounts that would otherwise become payable by the trustee, in respect of the superannuation interest, to the person who is liable to pay the fee.

90YZP Superannuation preservation requirements

- (1) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is a regulated superannuation fund or approved deposit fund, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any regulations made under the SIS Act that provide for payment of that entitlement to a regulated superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.
- (2) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is an RSA, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any regulations made under the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997* that provide for payment of that entitlement to a regulated

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superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.

- (3) If the eligible superannuation plan for a payment split is a constitutionally protected fund (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*) or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act, then the entitlement of the non-member spouse is subject to any law or other instrument that provides for payment of that entitlement to a regulated superannuation fund, approved deposit fund, RSA or exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of the SIS Act for the benefit of the non-member spouse.

90YZQ Waiver of rights under payment split

- (1) If the non-member spouse serves a waiver notice on the trustee in respect of a payment split, then the following provisions apply for each splittable payment that becomes payable after the date specified in the waiver notice:
- (a) the non-member spouse is not entitled to be paid any amount under the payment split in respect of the splittable payment;
 - (b) the entitlement of the person to whom the splittable payment would have been made but for the payment split continues to be reduced in the same way as it would have been reduced if the entitlement of the non-member spouse had not been terminated.

Example: X has a superannuation interest that is subject to a 50:50 payment split in favour of Y. Y serves a waiver notice on the trustee, in exchange for a lump sum payment made by the trustee to another fund for the benefit of Y. The effect is that X's payments will continue to be reduced by half, but Y will receive no further payments under the payment split.

- (2) To be effective for the purposes of this section, a waiver notice must be in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by:
- (a) a statement to the effect that the non-member spouse has been provided with independent financial advice from a

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prescribed financial adviser as to the financial effect of the waiver notice; and

- (b) a certificate signed by the person who provided the financial advice, stating that the advice was provided.

90YZR Trustee to provide information

- (1) An eligible person may make an application to the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan for information about a superannuation interest of a member of the plan.
- (2) The application must be accompanied by:
 - (a) a declaration, in the prescribed form, stating that the applicant requires the information for either or both of the following purposes:
 - (i) to assist the applicant to properly negotiate a superannuation agreement;
 - (ii) to assist the applicant in connection with the operation of this Part in relation to the applicant; and
 - (b) the fee (if any) payable under regulations made for the purposes of section 90YZO.
- (3) If the trustee receives an application that complies with this section, the trustee must, in accordance with the regulations, provide information about the superannuation interest to the applicant.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) Regulations for the purposes of subsection (3) may specify circumstances in which the trustee is not required to provide information.

Example: The regulations might provide that a secondary government trustee is not required to provide information where there is another trustee of the eligible superannuation plan who is better able to provide the information.

- (5) The trustee must not, in response to an application under this section by a party to a de facto relationship with the member,

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provide the party with any address of the member. For this purpose, *address* includes a postal address.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (6) If the trustee receives an application under this section from a person other than the member, the trustee must not inform the member that the application has been received.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (7) The regulations may require the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan, after the operative time for a payment split, to provide information to the non-member spouse about the superannuation interest concerned. Such regulations may prescribe penalties for contravention, not exceeding 10 penalty units.

- (8) In this section:

eligible person, in relation to a superannuation interest of a member of an eligible superannuation plan, means:

- (a) the member; or
- (b) if the member has died—the legal personal representative of the member; or
- (c) a party to a de facto relationship with the member; or
- (d) if a party to a de facto relationship with the member has died—the legal personal representative of the party; or
- (e) a person who intends to enter into a superannuation agreement with the member.

90YZS Death of non-member spouse

If the non-member spouse dies after the operative time for a payment split:

- (a) the payment split nevertheless continues to operate; and
- (b) the payment split then operates in favour of the legal personal representative of the deceased non-member spouse and is binding on that legal personal representative; and

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- (c) the legal personal representative has all the rights the deceased non-member spouse would have had in respect of the payment split, including the right to serve a waiver notice under section 90YZQ.

Division 5—Miscellaneous

90YZT Orders binding on trustee

- (1) An order under this Part in relation to a superannuation interest may be expressed to bind the person who is the trustee of the eligible superannuation plan at the time when the order takes effect. However:
 - (a) in the case of a trustee who is not a secondary government trustee—the court cannot make such an order unless the trustee has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order; and
 - (b) in the case of a secondary government trustee:
 - (i) the court cannot make such an order unless another trustee of the eligible superannuation plan has been accorded procedural fairness in relation to the making of the order; and
 - (ii) the court may, if it thinks fit, require that the secondary government trustee also be accorded procedural fairness.
- (2) If an order is binding on the person who is the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan at the time when the order takes effect, then the order is also binding (by force of this subsection) on:
 - (a) any person who subsequently becomes the trustee of that eligible superannuation plan; or
 - (b) in a case where section 90YZA applies—a person who is the trustee, or any person who subsequently becomes the trustee, of the new ESP.

90YZU Protection for trustee

The trustee of an eligible superannuation plan is not liable for loss or damage suffered by any person because of things done (or not done) by the trustee in good faith in reliance on:

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- (a) any document served on the trustee for the purposes of this Part; or
- (b) an order made by a court in accordance with this Part.

90YZV Service of documents on trustee

- (1) If a document is required or permitted to be served for the purposes of this Part on the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan, the document may be served in any of the ways in which a document may be served under the Western Australian Rules of Court.
- (2) Subsection (1) is in addition to any other method of service permitted by law.

90YZW False declarations

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
 - (a) the person makes a statement in a declaration, knowing that the statement is false or misleading; and
 - (b) the declaration is served on the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan for the purposes of this Part.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 months.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the statement is not false or misleading in a material particular.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a declaration if a party to the de facto relationship to whom the declaration relates died before the declaration was made.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

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90YZX Terminating employment because of payment flag etc.

A person must not terminate the employment of an employee on either of the following grounds:

- (a) a payment flag is operating in respect of a superannuation interest of the employee;
- (b) a superannuation agreement or splitting order is in force in respect of a superannuation interest of the employee.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

90YZY Requests for Commissioner of Taxation to provide superannuation information

Application for superannuation information

- (1) A person who is a party to either of the following proceedings in the Family Court of Western Australia, in relation to the person's de facto relationship with another person (the *other party*):

- (a) proceedings in relation to matters arising under this Part;
- (b) proceedings under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them, if the person is considering bringing, or is a party to, related proceedings in relation to matters arising under this Part;

may apply, in the approved form, to the Principal Registrar of that Court for the Principal Registrar to request the superannuation information of that other party.

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- (2) If the Principal Registrar of that Court receives an application from a person under subsection (1) for the superannuation information of the other party, the Principal Registrar may:

- (a) request the Commissioner of Taxation to disclose that superannuation information for the purpose of all of the following proceedings (the *relevant proceedings*) in relation to the person's de facto relationship with the other party:

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- (i) any proceedings in relation to matters arising under this Part;
 - (ii) any proceedings under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them, if the person is considering bringing, or is a party to, related proceedings in relation to matters arising under this Part; and
- (b) if the Commissioner of Taxation discloses that superannuation information to the Principal Registrar for the purpose of the relevant proceedings—disclose the superannuation information to the following:
- (i) the person and each lawyer of the person;
 - (ii) the other party and each lawyer of the other party;
- for the person, other party or lawyer to make a record of, or disclose, for the purpose of the relevant proceedings.

Note 1: Making a record of, or on-disclosing, that superannuation information may be an offence unless it is for the purpose of the relevant proceedings, see sections 355-155 and 355-175 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

Note 2: Disclosing superannuation information for the purpose of proceedings relating to matters arising under this Part extends to disclosing the superannuation information to the trustee of an eligible superannuation plan as part of an application under section 90YZR for the purpose of those proceedings.

Approved form

- (3) An application made by a person under subsection (1) is in the approved form if and only if:
- (a) it is in the form approved for the purposes of subparagraph 90XZJ(3)(b)(i); and
 - (b) it contains the information (including any declaration) that the form requires; and
 - (c) it is given in the manner required for the purposes of subparagraph 90XZJ(3)(b)(ii) (which may include electronically).

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Delegation

- (4) The Principal Registrar of the Family Court of Western Australia may, in writing, delegate any of the Principal Registrar's functions or powers under this section to any other appropriate officer or staff member of that Court.

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- (5) In this section:

relevant proceedings has the meaning given by paragraph (2)(a).

superannuation information has the same meaning as in subsection 90XZJ(5).

Part IX—Intervention

91 Intervention by Attorney-General

- (1) The Attorney-General may intervene in, and contest or argue any question arising in:
 - (a) any proceedings under this Act where the court requests the Attorney-General to do so or a matter arises that affects the public interest; or
 - (b) any proceedings under this Act for or in relation to:
 - (i) a parenting order, other than a child maintenance order; or
 - (ii) an order under section 67ZC.
- (1A) At any time after a divorce order has been made in any proceedings and before it has taken effect, the Attorney-General may intervene in the proceedings for the purpose of bringing to the notice of the court matters relevant to the exercise of its powers under section 58.
- (2) Where the Attorney-General intervenes in any proceedings, the Attorney-General shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

91A Delegation by Attorney-General

- (1) Where, in a State, there is a Family Court of the State, the Attorney-General may, either generally or as otherwise provided by the instrument of delegation, by writing, delegate all or any of his or her powers and functions under section 91 in respect of intervention in proceedings in the Family Court of that State and in other courts of that State to the person occupying from time to time, while the delegation is in force, the office of Attorney-General of that State.

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- (2) A power or function so delegated may be exercised or performed by the delegate in accordance with the instrument of delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this section does not prevent the exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Attorney-General.
- (4) Where the Attorney-General of a State intervenes in any proceedings in accordance with a delegation under this section, the Attorney-General of the State shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

91B Intervention by child welfare officer

- (1) In any proceedings under this Act that affect, or may affect, the welfare of a child, the court may request the intervention in the proceedings of an officer of a State, of a Territory or of the Commonwealth, being the officer who is responsible for the administration of the laws of the State or Territory in which the proceedings are being heard that relate to child welfare.
- (2) Where the court has, under subsection (1), requested an officer to intervene in proceedings:
 - (a) the officer may intervene in those proceedings; and
 - (b) where the officer so intervenes, the officer shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

Note: If an officer intervenes in proceedings and acts in good faith in relation to the proceedings, an order for costs, or for security for costs, cannot be made under subsection 114UB(2) against the officer: see subsection 114UC(5).

92 Intervention by other persons

- (1) In proceedings (other than divorce or validity of marriage proceedings), any person may apply for leave to intervene in the proceedings, and the court may make an order entitling that person to intervene in the proceedings.

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- (1A) In divorce or validity of marriage proceedings, a person in relation to whom an order has been made under subsection 69W(1) requiring a parentage testing procedure to be carried out may apply for leave to intervene in the proceedings, and the court may make an order entitling the person to intervene in the proceedings.
- (2) An order under this section may be made upon such conditions as the court considers appropriate.
- (3) Where a person intervenes in any proceedings by leave of the court the person shall, unless the court otherwise orders, be deemed to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

92A Intervention in child abuse cases

- (1) This section applies to proceedings under this Act in which it has been alleged that a child has been abused or is at risk of being abused.
- (2) Each of the following persons is entitled to intervene in the proceedings:
 - (a) a guardian of the child;
 - (b) a parent of the child with whom the child lives;
 - (ba) a person with whom the child is to live under a parenting order;
 - (bb) a person who has parental responsibility for the child under a parenting order;
 - (c) any other person responsible for the care, welfare or development of the child;
 - (d) a prescribed child welfare authority;
 - (e) a person who is alleged to have abused the child or from whom the child is alleged to be at risk of abuse.
- (3) Where a person intervenes in proceedings pursuant to this section, the person is, unless the court otherwise orders, to be taken to be a party to the proceedings with all the rights, duties and liabilities of a party.

Part XI—Procedure and evidence

Division 1A—Overarching purpose of the family law practice and procedure provisions

95 Overarching purpose of the family law practice and procedure provisions

- (1) The overarching purpose of the family law practice and procedure provisions is to facilitate the just resolution of disputes:
- (a) in a way that ensures the safety of families and children; and
 - (b) in relation to proceedings under this Act in which the best interests of a child are the paramount consideration—in a way that promotes the best interests of the child; and
 - (c) according to law; and
 - (d) as quickly, inexpensively and efficiently as possible.

Note: For *family law practice and procedure provisions*, see subsection (4).

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the overarching purpose includes the following objectives in relation to proceedings under this Act:
- (a) the just determination of all such proceedings;
 - (b) the efficient use of the judicial and administrative resources available for the purposes of courts exercising jurisdiction in such proceedings;
 - (c) the efficient disposal of the overall caseload of courts exercising jurisdiction in such proceedings;
 - (d) the disposal of all such proceedings in a timely manner;
 - (e) the resolution of disputes at a cost that is proportionate to the importance and complexity of the matters in dispute.
- (3) The family law practice and procedure provisions must be interpreted and applied, and any power conferred or duty imposed by them (including the power to make applicable Rules of Court) must be exercised or carried out, in the way that best promotes the overarching purpose.

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- (4) The *family law practice and procedure provisions* are the following, so far as they apply in relation to proceedings under this Act:
- (a) the applicable Rules of Court;
 - (b) any other provision made by or under this Act, or any other Act, with respect to the practice and procedure of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia or any other court.

96 Duty to act consistently with the overarching purpose

Duty of parties

- (1) The parties to proceedings under this Act must conduct the proceedings (including negotiations for settlement of the dispute to which the proceedings relate) in a way that is consistent with the overarching purpose of the family law practice and procedure provisions.

Duty of lawyers

- (2) A party's lawyer must, in the conduct of proceedings under this Act on the party's behalf (including in the conduct of negotiations for settlement of the dispute to which the proceedings relate):
- (a) take account of the duty imposed on the party by subsection (1); and
 - (b) assist the party to comply with the duty.

Estimate of costs

- (3) In proceedings under this Act a court may, for the purpose of enabling a party to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (1), require the party's lawyer to give the party an estimate of:
- (a) the likely duration of the proceedings or part of the proceedings; and
 - (b) the likely amount of costs that the party will have to pay in connection with the proceedings or part of the proceedings (including the costs that the lawyer will charge to the party).

Costs orders

- (4) In exercising the discretion to award costs in proceedings under this Act, a court must take account of any failure to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (1) or (2).
- (5) Without limiting the exercise of that discretion, a court may order a party's lawyer to bear costs personally.
- (6) If a court orders a lawyer to bear costs personally because of a failure to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (2), the lawyer must not recover the costs from the lawyer's client.

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97 Procedure

- (1) Subject to this Act, to the regulations and to the applicable Rules of Court, all proceedings in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia or in a court of a Territory (other than the Northern Territory) when exercising jurisdiction under this Act, shall be heard in open court.
- (1AA) For the purposes of subsection (1), the circumstances in which a proceeding in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, or in a court of a Territory (other than the Northern Territory) when exercising jurisdiction under this Act, is heard in open court include where the proceeding is made accessible to the public by way of video link, audio link or other appropriate means.
- (1A) The regulations and the applicable Rules of Court may authorise proceedings to be heard by:
 - (a) in the case of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)—a Judge, the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Court, sitting in Chambers; and
 - (b) in the case of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)—a Judge, the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Court, sitting in Chambers; and
 - (c) in any other case—a Judge, Registrar or magistrate sitting in Chambers.
- (2) In any proceedings in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, or in another court when exercising jurisdiction under this Act, the court may, of its own motion or on the application of a party to the proceedings, make one or more of the following orders:

- (a) an order that a specified person is not, or specified persons are not, to be present in court during the proceedings or during a specified part of the proceedings;
 - (b) an order that persons included in a specified class of persons are not to be present in court during the proceedings or during a specified part of the proceedings;
 - (c) an order that only the parties to the proceedings, their legal representatives and such other persons (if any) as are specified by the court may be present in court during the proceedings or during a specified part of the proceedings.
- (2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person is taken to be ***present in court*** during a proceeding if the person accesses the proceeding by way of video link, audio link or any other means.
- (3) In proceedings under this Act, the court shall proceed without undue formality and shall endeavour to ensure that the proceedings are not protracted.

98 Evidence by affidavit

The applicable Rules of Court may provide for evidence of any material matter to be given on affidavit at the hearing of:

- (a) divorce or validity of marriage proceedings that are undefended at the time of hearing; and
- (b) proceedings other than divorce or validity of marriage proceedings.

98A Proceedings in absence of parties

- (1) The applicable Rules of Court may provide that where, at the date fixed for the hearing of proceedings for a divorce order in relation to a marriage instituted by one party to the marriage:
 - (a) the proceedings are undefended; and
 - (c) the applicant has requested the court to determine the proceedings in the absence of the parties; and

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- (d) the respondent has not requested the court not to determine the proceedings in the absence of the parties;
the court may, in its discretion, determine the proceedings notwithstanding that neither the parties to the proceedings nor their legal representatives are present in court.
- (2) The applicable Rules of Court may provide that where, at the date fixed for the hearing of proceedings for a divorce order in relation to a marriage instituted jointly by the parties to the marriage:
- (a) one of the parties to the marriage has requested the court to determine the proceedings in the absence of the parties and the other party to the marriage has not requested the court not to determine the proceedings in the absence of the parties; or
- (b) both parties to the marriage have requested the court to determine the proceedings in the absence of the parties;
the court may, in its discretion, determine the proceedings notwithstanding that neither the parties to the proceedings nor their legal representatives are present in court.
- (2A) The court must not determine proceedings for the divorce order in relation to the marriage under subsection (1) or (2) if:
- (a) there are any children of the marriage who are under 18; and
- (b) the court is not satisfied that proper arrangements in all the circumstances have been made for the care, welfare and development of those children.
- Note: If there are children of the marriage who are under 18, a divorce order cannot take effect until the court declares under section 55A that it is satisfied that proper arrangements in all the circumstances have been made for the care, welfare and development of the children, or that there are circumstances by reason of which the divorce should take effect regardless (see paragraph 55A(1)(b)).
- (2B) The court may determine proceedings under subsection (1) or (2) in chambers.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a child (including an ex-nuptial child of either party to the marriage, a child adopted by either of them or a child who is not a child of either of them) is a child of

the marriage if the child was treated by both parties to the marriage as a child of their family at the relevant time.

- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), the relevant time is the time immediately before the time when the parties to the marriage separated or, if they have separated on more than one occasion, the time immediately before the time when they last separated before the institution of the proceedings for the divorce order in relation to the marriage.

100 Evidence of husbands, wives or spouses

- (1) The parties to proceedings under this Act are competent and compellable witnesses.
- (2) In proceedings under this Act, the parties to a marriage are competent and compellable to disclose communications made between them during the marriage.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies to communications made before, as well as to communications made after, the date of commencement of this Act.

100B Children swearing affidavits, being called as witnesses or being present in court

- (1) A child, other than a child who is or is seeking to become a party to proceedings, must not swear an affidavit for the purposes of proceedings, unless the court makes an order allowing the child to do so.
- (2) A child must not be called as a witness in, or be present during, proceedings in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, or in another court when exercising jurisdiction under this Act, unless the court makes an order allowing the child to be called as a witness or to be present (as the case may be).

- (3) In this section:

child means a child under 18 years of age.

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101 Protection of witnesses

- (1) The court shall forbid the asking of, or excuse a witness from answering, a question that it regards as offensive, scandalous, insulting, abusive or humiliating, unless the court is satisfied that it is essential in the interests of justice that the question be answered.
- (2) The court must forbid an examination of a witness that it regards as oppressive, repetitive or hectoring, or excuse a witness from answering questions asked during such an examination, unless the court is satisfied that it is essential in the interests of justice for the examination to continue or for the questions to be answered.

102 Proof of birth, parentage, death or marriage

In proceedings under this Act, the court may receive as evidence of the facts stated in it a document purporting to be either the original or a certified copy of:

- (a) a certificate, entry or record of a birth, death or marriage alleged to have taken place, whether in Australia or elsewhere; or
- (b) an entry in a register of parentage information kept under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State, Territory or prescribed overseas jurisdiction.

102A Restrictions on examination of children

- (1) Subject to this section, where a child is examined without the leave of the court, the evidence resulting from the examination which relates to the abuse of, or the risk of abuse of, the child is not admissible in proceedings under this Act.
- (2) Where a person causes a child to be examined for the purpose of deciding:
 - (a) to bring proceedings under this Act involving an allegation that the child has been abused or is at risk of being abused; or

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- (b) to make an allegation in proceedings under this Act that the child has been abused or is at risk of being abused;
subsection (1) does not apply in relation to evidence resulting from the first examination which the person caused the child to undergo.
- (3) In considering whether to give leave for a child to be examined, the court must have regard to the following matters:
- (a) whether the proposed examination is likely to provide relevant information that is unlikely to be obtained otherwise;
 - (b) the qualifications of the person who proposes to conduct the examination to conduct that examination;
 - (c) whether any distress likely to be caused to the child by the examination will be outweighed by the value of the information that might be obtained from the examination;
 - (d) any distress already caused to the child by any previous examination associated with the proceedings or with related proceedings;
 - (e) any other matter that the court thinks is relevant.
- (4) In proceedings under this Act, a court may admit evidence which is otherwise inadmissible under this section where it is satisfied that:
- (a) the evidence relates to relevant matters on which the evidence already before the court is inadequate; and
 - (b) the court will not be able to determine the proceedings properly unless the evidence is admitted; and
 - (c) the welfare of the child concerned is likely to be served by the admission of the evidence.
- (5) In this section:
- examined***, in relation to a child, means:
- (a) subjected to a medical procedure; or
 - (b) examined or assessed by a psychiatrist or psychologist (other than by a family counsellor or family consultant).

Note: Section 102NM is relevant to evidence of a representation by a child, if the admissibility of the evidence would otherwise be affected by the law against hearsay.

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102B Assessors

In any proceedings under this Act (other than prescribed proceedings), the court may, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Court, get an assessor to help it in the hearing and determination of the proceedings, or any part of them or any matter arising under them.

Division 1B—Protecting sensitive information

102BA Definition of *protected confidence*

A ***protected confidence*** is a communication made:

- (a) in the course of, or in connection with, a relationship in which one person (the ***confidant***) is acting in a professional capacity to provide a professional service (see section 102BB) to another person (the ***protected confider***); and
- (b) in circumstances in which the confidant is under an obligation not to disclose communications made to them by, or in relation to, the protected confider (whether the obligation is express or inferred from the nature of the relationship).

102BB Definition of *professional service*

- (1) For the purpose of this Division, a ***professional service*** is any of the following:
 - (a) a health service mentioned in subsection (3) or (4);
 - (b) a specialist service in relation to:
 - (i) sexual assault; or
 - (ii) family violence;
 - (c) any activity prescribed by the regulations for the purpose of this paragraph.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), an activity is not a ***professional service*** if it is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) An activity performed in relation to an individual is a ***health service*** if the activity is intended or claimed (expressly or otherwise) by the individual or the person performing it:
 - (a) to assess, maintain or improve the individual's health; or
 - (b) where the individual's health cannot be maintained or improved—to manage the individual's health; or

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- (c) to diagnose the individual's illness, disability or injury; or
 - (d) to treat the individual's illness, disability or injury or suspected illness, disability or injury; or
 - (e) to record the individual's health for the purposes of assessing, maintaining, improving or managing the individual's health.
- (4) The dispensing on prescription of a drug or medicinal preparation by a pharmacist is a *health service*.
- (5) To avoid doubt, a reference in this section to an individual's health includes the individual's physical or psychological health.

102BC Direction in relation to adducing evidence

- (1) The court may direct that evidence not be adduced in proceedings under this Act, if the court finds that adducing it would disclose:
 - (a) a protected confidence; or
 - (b) the contents of a document recording or relating to a protected confidence.
- (2) The court may give the direction:
 - (a) on its own initiative; or
 - (b) on application by:
 - (i) the confidant; or
 - (ii) a person who is in possession or has control of a document recording or relating to a protected confidence; or
 - (iii) a litigation guardian; or
 - (c) if the protected confider is aged 18 or over—on application by the protected confider; or
 - (d) if the protected confider is a child aged under 18—on application by:
 - (i) a person who has parental responsibility (within the meaning of Part VII) for the child; or
 - (ii) an independent children's lawyer who represents the interests of the child in the proceedings; or

- (iii) a person who has care of the child; or
 - (iv) a person who proposes to have parental responsibility for the child.
- (3) Evidence that is not to be adduced in proceedings because of subsection (1) is not admissible in the proceedings.

102BD Direction in relation to complying with disclosure requirement

- (1) The court may direct that a document or part of a document not be produced, or not be inspected, or not be copied, in proceedings under this Act, despite a disclosure requirement (see subsection (2)), if the court finds that compliance with the disclosure requirement would disclose:
 - (a) a protected confidence; or
 - (b) the contents of a document recording or relating to a protected confidence.
- (2) Each of the following is a *disclosure requirement*:
 - (a) a subpoena to produce a document;
 - (b) a requirement under this Act or the applicable Rules of Court that a party to proceedings produce a document or part of a document in the proceedings.
- (3) The court may give the direction:
 - (a) on its own initiative; or
 - (b) on application by:
 - (i) the confidant; or
 - (ii) a person who is in possession or has control of a document recording or relating to a protected confidence; or
 - (iii) a litigation guardian; or
 - (c) if the protected confider is aged 18 or over—on application by the protected confider; or
 - (d) if the protected confider is a child aged under 18—on application by:

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- (i) a person who has parental responsibility (within the meaning of Part VII) for the child; or
 - (ii) an independent children's lawyer who represents the interests of the child in the proceedings; or
 - (iii) a person who has care of the child; or
 - (iv) a person who proposes to have parental responsibility for the child.
- (4) The person to whom the disclosure requirement applies is not required to comply with it at any time while the court is deciding whether to give the direction.
- (5) The court may order that a document or part of a document be produced to the court to inspect for the purposes of deciding whether to give the direction.
- (6) A document or part of a document to which a direction under this section relates is not admissible in the proceedings.

102BE Grounds and considerations for directions

- (1) The court may give a direction under section 102BC or 102BD in relation to evidence, or a document or part of a document, if the court is satisfied that:
 - (a) it is likely that harm would or might be caused (directly or indirectly) to the protected confider, or to a child to whom the proceedings relate, if the evidence were adduced or the document or part produced, inspected or copied; and
 - (b) the nature and extent of the harm outweighs the desirability of adducing the evidence or producing, inspecting or copying the document or part.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), harm may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) physical harm;
 - (b) psychological harm or oppression;
 - (c) mental distress;

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- (d) a detrimental effect on the other party's capacity to care for a child;
 - (e) financial harm.
- (3) If the direction is being made in proceedings under Part VII, the court must regard the best interests of the child as the paramount consideration.
- (4) The court must have regard to the following matters in deciding whether to make the direction:
 - (a) in relation to the evidence, or the document or part:
 - (i) its probative value in the proceedings; and
 - (ii) its importance in the proceedings; and
 - (iii) the availability of other evidence or documents, concerning the matters to which the evidence, or the document or part, relates;
 - (b) the likely effect of adducing the evidence, or producing, inspecting or copying the document or part, including the likelihood of harm, and the nature and extent of harm, that would or might be caused:
 - (i) to the protected confider; or
 - (ii) to a child to which the proceedings relate;
 - (c) the means available to the court to limit the harm or extent of the harm likely to be caused if the evidence is adduced or the document or part produced, inspected or copied;
 - (d) whether the substance of the evidence, or of the document or part, has already been disclosed by the protected confider or any other person;
 - (e) the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of protected confidences;
 - (f) whether the protected confider opposes the disclosure of the protected confidence or any part of it;
 - (g) whether a lawyer is representing the protected confider in relation to the proceedings;

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- (h) if the protected confider is a child aged under 18—whether any of the following oppose the disclosure of the protected confidence or any part of it:
 - (i) a person who has parental responsibility (within the meaning of Part VII) for the child;
 - (ii) an independent children’s lawyer who represents the interests of the child in the proceedings.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not limit the matters to which the court may have regard in making the direction.
- (6) The court must give reasons for making, or deciding not to make, a direction under this Division.

102BF Consent by protected confider

The court must not give a direction under section 102BC or 102BD if:

- (a) the protected confider is an adult; and
- (b) the protected confider consents to the evidence being adduced or document or part of the document being disclosed; and
- (c) the consent is in writing and witnessed by an independent person who is 18 years of age or over and not party to the proceedings.

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102C Testimony

- (1) The court or a Judge may, for the purposes of any proceedings, direct or allow testimony to be given by video link, audio link or other appropriate means.

Note: See also section 102F.
- (2) The testimony must be given on oath or affirmation unless:
 - (a) the person giving the testimony is in a foreign country; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the law in force in that country does not permit the person to give testimony on oath or affirmation for the purposes of the proceedings; or
 - (ii) the law in force in that country would make it inconvenient for the person to give testimony on oath or affirmation for the purposes of the proceedings; and
 - (c) the court or a Judge is satisfied that it is appropriate for the testimony to be given otherwise than on oath or affirmation.
- (3) If the testimony is given otherwise than on oath or affirmation, the court or a Judge must give the testimony such weight as the court or the Judge thinks fit in the circumstances.
- (4) The power conferred on the court or a Judge by subsection (1) may be exercised:
 - (a) on the application of a party to the proceedings concerned; or
 - (b) on the court's own initiative or on the Judge's own initiative, as the case may be.
- (5) This section applies whether the person giving testimony is in or outside Australia, but does not allow testimony to be given by a person who is in New Zealand.

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102D Appearance of persons

- (1) The court or a Judge may, for the purposes of any proceedings, direct or allow a person to appear before the court or the Judge by way of video link, audio link or other appropriate means.

Note: See also section 102F.

- (2) The power conferred on the court or a Judge by subsection (1) may be exercised:
- (a) on the application of a party to the proceedings concerned; or
 - (b) on the court's own initiative or on the Judge's own initiative, as the case may be.

- (3) This section applies whether the person appearing is in or outside Australia, but does not apply if the person appearing is in New Zealand.

Note: See Part 6 of the *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010*.

102E Making of submissions

- (1) The court or a Judge may, for the purposes of any proceedings, direct or allow a person to make a submission to the court or the Judge by way of video link, audio link or other appropriate means.

Note: See also section 102F.

- (2) The power conferred on the court or a Judge by subsection (1) may be exercised:
- (a) on the application of a party to the proceedings concerned; or
 - (b) on the court's own initiative or on the Judge's own initiative, as the case may be.

- (3) This section applies whether the person making the submission is in or outside Australia, but does not apply if the person making the submission is in New Zealand.

Note: See Part 6 of the *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010*.

102F Conditions for use of links

Video link

- (1) The court or a Judge must not exercise the power conferred by subsection 102C(1), 102D(1) or 102E(1) in relation to a video link unless the court or the Judge is satisfied that the following conditions are met in relation to the video link:
 - (a) the courtroom is equipped with facilities (for example, television monitors) that enable all eligible persons present in that courtroom to see and hear the person (the **remote person**) who is:
 - (i) giving the testimony; or
 - (ii) appearing; or
 - (iii) making the submission;as the case may be, by way of the video link;
 - (b) the place at which the remote person is located is equipped with facilities (for example, television monitors) that enable all eligible persons present in that place to see and hear each eligible person who is present in the courtroom;
 - (c) such other conditions (if any) as are prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court in relation to the video link;
 - (d) such other conditions (if any) as are imposed by the court or a Judge.
- (2) The conditions that may be prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) include conditions relating to:
 - (a) the form of the video link; and
 - (b) the equipment, or class of equipment, used to establish the link; and
 - (c) the layout of cameras; and
 - (d) the standard of transmission; and
 - (e) the speed of transmission; and
 - (f) the quality of communication.

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Audio link

- (3) The court or a Judge must not exercise the power conferred by subsection 102C(1), 102D(1) or 102E(1) in relation to an audio link unless the court or a Judge is satisfied that the following conditions are met in relation to the audio link:
- (a) the courtroom is equipped with facilities (for example, loudspeakers) that enable all eligible persons present in that courtroom to hear the person (the *remote person*) who is:
 - (i) giving the testimony; or
 - (ii) appearing; or
 - (iii) making the submission;as the case may be, by way of the audio link;
 - (b) the place at which the remote person is located is equipped with facilities (for example, loudspeakers) that enable all eligible persons present in that place to hear each eligible person who is present in the courtroom or other place where the court or the Judge is sitting;
 - (c) such other conditions (if any) as are prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court in relation to the audio link;
 - (d) such other conditions (if any) as are imposed by the court or a Judge.
- (4) The conditions that may be prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court in accordance with paragraph (3)(c) include conditions relating to:
- (a) the form of the audio link; and
 - (b) the equipment, or class of equipment, used to establish the audio link; and
 - (c) the standard of transmission; and
 - (d) the speed of transmission; and
 - (e) the quality of communication.

Other appropriate means

- (5) The court or a Judge must not exercise the power conferred by subsection 102C(1), 102D(1) or 102E(1) in relation to appropriate
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means other than video link or audio link unless the court or the Judge is satisfied that the following conditions are met in relation to that means:

- (a) the conditions (if any) as are prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court in relation to that other appropriate means;
- (b) such other conditions (if any) as are imposed by the court or the Judge.

Eligible persons

- (6) For the purposes of the application of this section to particular proceedings, ***eligible persons*** are such persons as the court or the Judge considers should be treated as eligible persons for the purposes of the proceedings.

Meaning of courtroom

- (7) In this section:

courtroom, in relation to a Judge or a court, means the courtroom or other place where the Judge or court is sitting.

102G Putting documents to a person

- (1) This section applies if, in the course of an examination or appearance of a person by video link, audio link or other appropriate means in accordance with this Division, it is necessary to put a document to the person.
- (2) A court or a Judge may direct or allow the document to be put to the person:
 - (a) if the document is physically present in the courtroom or other place where the court or the Judge is sitting:
 - (i) by causing a copy of the document to be transmitted to the place where the person is located; and
 - (ii) by causing the transmitted copy to be put to the person; or

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- (b) if the document is physically present in the place where the person is located:
 - (i) by causing the document to be put to the person; and
 - (ii) by causing a copy of the document to be transmitted to the courtroom or other place where the court or the Judge is sitting.

102J Administration of oaths and affirmations

An oath to be sworn, or an affirmation to be made, by a person (the **remote person**) who is to give testimony by video link, audio link or other appropriate means in accordance with this Division may be administered:

- (a) by means of the video link or audio link, as the case may be, in a way that, as nearly as practicable, corresponds to the way in which the oath or affirmation would be administered if the remote person were to give testimony in the courtroom or other place where the court or the Judge is sitting; or
- (b) if the court or the Judge allows another person who is present at the place where the remote person is located to administer the oath or affirmation—by that other person.

102K Expenses

- (1) The court or a Judge may make such orders as the court or the Judge thinks just for the payment of expenses, including the court's expenses, incurred in connection with:
 - (a) the giving of testimony by video link, audio link or other appropriate means in accordance with this Division; or
 - (b) the appearance of a person by video link, audio link or other appropriate means in accordance with this Division; or
 - (c) the making of submissions by video link, audio link or other appropriate means in accordance with this Division.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to the regulations.

102L New Zealand proceedings

This Division does not affect the operation of the *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010*.

Division 3—Cross-examination of parties where allegations of family violence

102NA Mandatory protections for parties in certain cases

- (1) If, in proceedings under this Act:
- (a) a party (the *examining party*) intends to cross-examine another party (the *witness party*); and
 - (b) there is an allegation of family violence between the examining party and the witness party; and
 - (c) any of the following are satisfied:
 - (i) either party has been convicted of, or is charged with, an offence involving violence, or a threat of violence, to the other party;
 - (ii) a family violence order (other than an interim order) applies to both parties;
 - (iii) an injunction under section 68B or 114 for the personal protection of either party is directed against the other party;
 - (iv) the court makes an order that the requirements of subsection (2) are to apply to the cross-examination;
- then the requirements of subsection (2) apply to the cross-examination.
- (2) Both of the following requirements apply to the cross-examination:
- (a) the examining party must not cross-examine the witness party personally;
 - (b) the cross-examination must be conducted by a legal practitioner acting on behalf of the examining party.

Note 1: This section applies both in the case where the examining party is the alleged perpetrator of the family violence and the witness party is the alleged victim, and in the case where the examining party is the alleged victim and the witness party is the alleged perpetrator.

Note 2: This section does not limit other laws that apply to protect the witness party (for example, section 101 requires the court to forbid the asking of offensive questions and section 41 of the *Evidence Act 1995*)

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requires the court to disallow certain questions, such as misleading questions).

Note 3: To avoid doubt, a reference to a party in this section includes a reference to a person who is a party because of the operation of a provision of this Act (for example, sections 92 and 92A, which are about intervening parties). This section only applies to an intervening party if the intervening party is involved in the allegation of family violence, whether as the alleged perpetrator or as the alleged victim.

- (3) The court may make an order under subparagraph (1)(c)(iv):
- (a) on its own initiative; or
 - (b) on the application of:
 - (i) the witness party; or
 - (ii) the examining party; or
 - (iii) if an independent children's lawyer has been appointed for a child in relation to the proceedings—that lawyer.

102NB Court-ordered protections in other cases

If, in proceedings under this Act:

- (a) a party (the *examining party*) intends to cross-examine another party (the *witness party*) personally; and
- (b) there is an allegation of family violence between the examining party and the witness party; and
- (c) section 102NA does not apply to prevent the examining party cross-examining the witness party personally;

then the court must ensure that during the cross-examination there are appropriate protections for the party who is the alleged victim of the family violence.

Note 1: For example, the court may consider it appropriate to give a direction under subsection 102C(1) that the cross-examination be conducted by video link or audio link.

Note 2: This section does not limit other laws that apply to protect the witness party (for example, section 101 requires the court to forbid the asking of offensive questions and section 41 of the *Evidence Act 1995* requires the court to disallow certain questions, such as misleading questions).

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102NC Review of this Division

The Minister must cause a review of the operation of this Division to be commenced as soon as possible after:

- (a) the second anniversary of the commencement of this section;
or
- (b) if, before the second anniversary, the regulations prescribe a day that is after the second anniversary—that day.

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Subdivision A—Proceedings to which this Division applies

102ND Proceedings to which this Division applies

- (1) This Division applies to proceedings that are wholly under Part VII.
- (2) This Division also applies to proceedings between parties that are partly under Part VII:
 - (a) to the extent the proceedings are under Part VII; and
 - (b) to the extent the proceedings are not under Part VII if:
 - (i) the parties consent to this Division applying to the proceedings to the extent the proceedings are not under Part VII; or
 - (ii) the court orders that this Division applies to the proceedings to the extent the proceedings are not under Part VII (whether or not the parties consent).
- (3) This Division also applies to proceedings between parties that are not to any extent under Part VII if:
 - (a) the parties consent to this Division applying to the proceedings; or
 - (b) the court orders that this Division applies to the proceedings (whether or not the parties consent).
- (4) In deciding whether to make an order under subparagraph (2)(b)(ii), the court must have regard to the principles in section 102NE.
- (5) In deciding whether to make an order under paragraph (3)(b), the court must have regard to the principles in section 102NE (other than subsection (3), paragraph (5)(a) and subsection (6) of that section).

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- (6) Proceedings to which this Division applies under subsection (1) or (2) are *child-related proceedings*.
- (7) Proceedings to which this Division applies under subsection (3) are *property or other non-child-related proceedings*.
- (8) Consent given for the purposes of subparagraph (2)(b)(i) or paragraph (3)(a) must be:
 - (a) free from coercion; and
 - (b) given in the form prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court.
- (9) A party to proceedings may, with the leave of the court, revoke a consent given for the purposes of subparagraph (2)(b)(i) or paragraph (3)(a).

Subdivision B—Principles for conducting child-related proceedings and property or other proceedings

102NE Principles for conducting child-related proceedings and property or other proceedings

Application of the principles

- (1) The court must give effect to the principles in this section:
 - (a) in performing duties and exercising powers (whether under this Division or otherwise) in relation to child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings; and
 - (b) in making other decisions about the conduct of child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings.

Failure to do so does not invalidate the proceedings or any order made in them.

- (2) Regard is to be had to the principles that are relevant to the particular proceedings in interpreting this Division.

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Note: All the principles are relevant to child-related proceedings. The principles in subsection (3), paragraph (5)(a) and subsection (6) do not apply in relation to property or other non-child-related proceedings.

Principle 1

- (3) The first principle is that the court is to consider the needs of the child concerned and the impact that the conduct of the proceedings may have on the child in determining the conduct of the proceedings.

Principle 2

- (4) The second principle is that the court is to actively direct, control and manage the conduct of the proceedings.

Principle 3

- (5) The third principle is that the proceedings are to be conducted in a way that will safeguard:
- (a) the child concerned from being subjected to, or exposed to, abuse, neglect or family violence; and
 - (b) the parties to the proceedings against family violence.

Principle 4

- (6) The fourth principle is that the proceedings are, as far as possible, to be conducted in a way that will promote cooperative and child-focused parenting by the parties.

Principle 5

- (7) The fifth principle is that the proceedings are to be conducted without undue delay and with as little formality, and legal technicality and form, as possible.

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102NF This Division also applies to proceedings in Chambers

The following persons, when hearing child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings in Chambers, have all of the duties and powers that a court has under this Division:

- (a) in the case of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)—a Judge, the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Court;
- (b) in the case of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)—a Judge, the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Court;
- (c) in any other case—a Judge, Registrar or magistrate.

Note: An order made in Chambers has the same effect as an order made in open court.

102NG Powers under this Division may be exercised on court's own initiative

The court may exercise a power under this Division:

- (a) on the court's own initiative; or
- (b) at the request of one or more of the parties to the proceedings.

Subdivision C—Duties and powers related to giving effect to the principles

102NH General duties

- (1) In giving effect to the relevant principles in section 102NE, the court must:
 - (a) ask each party to the proceedings whether the party considers that the party, or another party to the proceedings, has been, or is at risk of being, subjected to family violence; and
 - (b) in child-related proceedings—ask each party to the proceedings whether the party considers that the child concerned has been, or is at risk of being, subjected to, or exposed to, abuse, neglect or family violence; and
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- (c) decide which of the issues in the proceedings require full investigation and hearing and which may be disposed of summarily; and
 - (d) decide the order in which the issues are to be decided; and
 - (e) give directions or make orders about the timing of steps that are to be taken in the proceedings; and
 - (f) in deciding whether a particular step is to be taken—consider whether the likely benefits of taking the step justify the costs of taking it; and
 - (g) make appropriate use of technology; and
 - (h) if the court considers it appropriate—encourage the parties to use family dispute resolution or, in child-related proceedings, family counselling; and
 - (i) deal with as many aspects of the matter as it can on a single occasion; and
 - (j) deal with the matter, where appropriate, without requiring the parties' physical attendance at court.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit subsection 102NE(1).
- (3) A failure to comply with subsection (1) does not invalidate an order.

102NJ Power to make determinations, findings and orders at any stage of proceedings

- (1) If, at any time after the commencement of child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings and before making final orders, the court considers that it may assist in the determination of the dispute between the parties, the court may do any or all of the following:
- (a) make a finding of fact in relation to the proceedings;
 - (b) determine a matter arising out of the proceedings;
 - (c) make an order in relation to an issue arising out of the proceedings.

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Note: For example, the court may choose to use this power if the court considers that making a finding of fact at a particular point in the proceedings will help to focus the proceedings.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the court doing something mentioned in paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) at the same time as making final orders.
- (3) To avoid doubt, a person who exercises a power under subsection (1) in relation to proceedings is not, merely because of having exercised the power, required to be disqualified from a further hearing of the proceedings.

102NK Use of family consultants

At any time during child-related proceedings, the court may designate a family consultant as the family consultant in relation to the proceedings.

Note 1: Family consultants have the functions described in section 11A. These include assisting and advising people involved in proceedings, and this assistance and advice may involve helping people to better understand the effect of things on the child concerned. Family consultants can also inform people about other services available to help them.

Note 2: The court may also order parties to proceedings to attend, or arrange for a child to attend, appointments with a family consultant. See section 11F.

Subdivision D—Matters relating to evidence

102NL Rules of evidence not to apply unless court decides

- (1) The following provisions of the *Evidence Act 1995* do not apply to child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings:
 - (a) Divisions 3, 4 and 5 of Part 2.1 (which deal with general rules about giving evidence, examination in chief, re-examination and cross-examination), other than sections 26, 30, 36 and 41;

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Note: Section 26 is about the court's control over questioning of witnesses. Section 30 is about interpreters. Section 36 relates to examination of a person without subpoena or other process. Section 41 is about improper questions.

- (b) Parts 2.2 and 2.3 (which deal with documents and other evidence including demonstrations, experiments and inspections);
 - (c) Parts 3.2 to 3.8 (which deal with hearsay, opinion, admissions, evidence of judgments and convictions, tendency and coincidence, credibility and character).
- (2) The court may give such weight (if any) as it thinks fit to evidence admitted as a consequence of a provision of the *Evidence Act 1995* not applying because of subsection (1).
- (3) Despite subsection (1), the court may decide to apply one or more of the provisions of a Division or Part mentioned in that subsection to an issue in the proceedings, if:
- (a) the court is satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional; and
 - (b) the court has taken into account (in addition to any other matters the court thinks relevant):
 - (i) the importance of the evidence in the proceedings; and
 - (ii) the nature of the subject matter of the proceedings; and
 - (iii) the probative value of the evidence; and
 - (iv) the powers of the court (if any) to adjourn the hearing, to make another order or to give a direction in relation to the evidence.
- (4) If the court decides to apply a provision of a Division or Part mentioned in subsection (1) to an issue in the proceedings, the court may give such weight (if any) as it thinks fit to evidence admitted as a consequence of the provision applying.
- (5) Subsection (1) does not revive the operation of:
- (a) a rule of common law; or
 - (b) a law of a State or a Territory;

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that, but for subsection (1), would have been prevented from operating because of a provision of a Division or Part mentioned in that subsection.

102NM Evidence of children

- (1) This section applies if the court applies the law against hearsay under subsection 102NL(2) to child-related proceedings.
- (2) Evidence of a representation made by a child about a matter that is relevant to the welfare of the child or another child, which would not otherwise be admissible as evidence because of the law against hearsay, is not inadmissible in the proceedings solely because of the law against hearsay.
- (3) The court may give such weight (if any) as it thinks fit to evidence admitted under subsection (2).
- (4) This section applies despite any other Act or rule of law.
- (5) In this section:

child means a person under 18.

representation includes an express or implied representation, whether oral or in writing, and a representation inferred from conduct.

102NN Court's general duties and powers relating to evidence

- (1) In giving effect to the relevant principles in section 102NE, the court may:
 - (a) give directions or make orders about the matters in relation to which the parties are to present evidence; and
 - (b) give directions or make orders about who is to give evidence in relation to each issue; and
 - (c) give directions or make orders about how particular evidence is to be given; and

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- (d) if the court considers that expert evidence is required—give directions or make orders about:
 - (i) the matters in relation to which an expert is to provide evidence; and
 - (ii) the number of experts who may provide evidence in relation to a matter; and
 - (iii) how an expert is to provide the expert's evidence; and
 - (e) ask questions of, and seek evidence or the production of documents or other things from, parties, witnesses and experts on matters relevant to the proceedings.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1) or section 102NJ, the court may give directions or make orders:
- (a) about the use of written submissions; or
 - (b) about the length of written submissions; or
 - (c) limiting the time for oral argument; or
 - (d) limiting the time for the giving of evidence; or
 - (e) that particular evidence is to be given orally; or
 - (f) that particular evidence is to be given by affidavit; or
 - (g) that evidence in relation to a particular matter not be presented by a party; or
 - (h) that evidence of a particular kind not be presented by a party; or
 - (i) limiting, or not allowing, cross-examination of a particular witness; or
 - (j) limiting the number of witnesses who are to give evidence in the proceedings.
- (3) The court may, in child-related proceedings or property or other non-child-related proceedings:
- (a) receive into evidence the transcript of evidence in any other proceedings before:
 - (i) the court; or
 - (ii) another court; or
 - (iii) a tribunal;

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- and draw any conclusions of fact from that transcript that it thinks proper; and
- (b) adopt any recommendation, finding, decision or judgment of any court, person or body of a kind mentioned in any of subparagraphs (a)(i) to (iii).
- (4) In proceedings under Part VII in which the court is required to regard the best interests of the child as the paramount consideration:
- (a) subsection 126K(1) of the *Evidence Act 1995* does not apply in relation to information that would:
- (i) reveal the identity of a journalist's source; or
- (ii) enable that identity to be discovered;
- if the court considers that it is in the best interests of the child for the information to be disclosed; and
- (b) the court must not direct, under a law of a State or Territory relating to professional confidential relationship privilege specified in the regulations, that evidence not be adduced if the court considers that adducing the evidence would be in the best interests of the child.

Part XIA—Suppression and non-publication orders

Division 1—Preliminary

102P Definitions

In this Part:

information includes any document.

news publisher means a person engaged in the business of publishing news or a public or community broadcasting service engaged in the publishing of news through a public news medium.

non-publication order means an order that prohibits or restricts the publication of information (but that does not otherwise prohibit or restrict the disclosure of information).

party to proceedings includes the complainant or victim (or alleged victim) in criminal proceedings and any person named in evidence given in proceedings and, in relation to proceedings that have concluded, means a person who was a party to the proceedings before the proceedings concluded.

publish means disseminate or provide access to the public or a section of the public by any means, including by:

- (a) publication in a book, newspaper, magazine or other written publication; or
- (b) broadcast by radio or television; or
- (c) public exhibition; or
- (d) broadcast or publication by means of the internet.

suppression order means an order that prohibits or restricts the disclosure of information (by publication or otherwise).

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102PA Powers of a court not affected

This Part does not limit or otherwise affect any powers that a court has apart from this Part to regulate its proceedings or to deal with a contempt of the court.

102PB Other laws not affected

This Part does not limit or otherwise affect the operation of a provision made by or under any Act (other than this Act) that prohibits or restricts, or authorises a court to prohibit or restrict, the publication or other disclosure of information in connection with proceedings.

102PC Relationship with Part XIVB

This Part and Part XIVB do not limit each other.

Division 2—Suppression and non-publication orders

102PD Safeguarding public interest in open justice

In deciding whether to make a suppression order or non-publication order, the court concerned must take into account that a primary objective of the administration of justice is to safeguard the public interest in open justice.

102PE Power to make orders

- (1) A court exercising jurisdiction in proceedings under this Act may, by making a suppression order or non-publication order on grounds permitted by this Part, prohibit or restrict the publication or other disclosure of:
 - (a) information tending to reveal the identity of or otherwise concerning any party to or witness in the proceedings or any person who is related to or otherwise associated with any party to or witness in the proceedings; or
 - (b) information that relates to the proceedings and is:
 - (i) information that comprises evidence or information about evidence; or
 - (ii) information obtained by the process of discovery; or
 - (iii) information produced under a subpoena; or
 - (iv) information lodged with or filed in the court.
- (2) The court may make such orders as it thinks appropriate to give effect to an order under subsection (1).

102PF Grounds for making an order

- (1) The court may make a suppression order or non-publication order on one or more of the following grounds:
 - (a) the order is necessary to prevent prejudice to the proper administration of justice;

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- (b) the order is necessary to prevent prejudice to the interests of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory in relation to national or international security;
 - (c) the order is necessary to protect the safety of any person;
 - (d) the order is necessary to avoid causing undue distress or embarrassment to a party to or witness in criminal proceedings involving an offence of a sexual nature (including an act of indecency).
- (2) A suppression order or non-publication order must specify the ground or grounds on which the order is made.

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- (1) The court may make a suppression order or non-publication order on its own initiative or on the application of:
 - (a) a party to the proceedings concerned; or
 - (b) any other person considered by the court to have a sufficient interest in the making of the order.
- (2) Each of the following persons is entitled to appear and be heard by the court on an application for a suppression order or non-publication order:
 - (a) the applicant for the order;
 - (b) a party to the proceedings concerned;
 - (c) the Government (or an agency of the Government) of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory;
 - (d) a news publisher;
 - (e) any other person who, in the court's opinion, has a sufficient interest in the question of whether a suppression order or non-publication order should be made.
- (3) A suppression order or non-publication order may be made at any time during proceedings or after proceedings have concluded.
- (4) A suppression order or non-publication order may be made subject to such exceptions and conditions as the court thinks fit and specifies in the order.

- (5) A suppression order or non-publication order must specify the information to which the order applies with sufficient particularity to ensure that the court order is limited to achieving the purpose for which the order is made.

102PH Interim orders

- (1) If an application is made to the court for a suppression order or non-publication order, the court may, without determining the merits of the application, make the order as an interim order to have effect, subject to revocation by the court, until the application is determined.
- (2) If an order is made as an interim order, the court must determine the application as a matter of urgency.

102PI Duration of orders

- (1) A suppression order or non-publication order operates for the period decided by the court and specified in the order.
- (2) In deciding the period for which an order is to operate, the court is to ensure that the order operates for no longer than is reasonably necessary to achieve the purpose for which it is made.
- (3) The period for which an order operates may be specified by reference to a fixed or ascertainable period or by reference to the occurrence of a specified future event.

102PJ Exception for court officials

A suppression order does not prevent a person from disclosing information if the disclosure is not by publication and is in the course of performing functions or duties or exercising powers in a public official capacity:

- (a) in connection with the conduct of proceedings or the recovery or enforcement of any penalty imposed in proceedings; or

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- (b) in compliance with any procedure adopted by the court for informing a news publisher of the existence and content of a suppression order or non-publication order made by the court.

102PK Contravention of order

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
 - (a) the person does an act or omits to do an act; and
 - (b) the act or omission contravenes an order made by a court under section 102PE.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 months, 60 penalty units or both.

- (2) An act or omission that constitutes an offence under this section may be punished as a contempt of court even though it could be punished as an offence.
- (3) An act or omission that constitutes an offence under this section may be punished as an offence even though it could be punished as a contempt of court.
- (4) If an act or omission constitutes both an offence under this section and a contempt of court, the offender is not liable to be punished twice.
- (5) Part XIII A does not apply in relation to a contravention of an order made by a court under section 102PE.

Part XIB—Decrees and orders relating to unmeritorious, harmful, and vexatious proceedings

Division 1—Preliminary

102QAA Simplified outline

This Part sets out the court's powers to deal with proceedings that are unmeritorious, harmful, or vexatious.

Unmeritorious proceedings are proceedings that are without reasonable prospect of success, frivolous, vexatious, or an abuse of process.

Harmful proceedings are proceedings that may result in harm to another party, or to a child involved in the proceedings. The kinds of harms that might provide grounds for such an order could include severe stress (that could arise, for example, from repeated filings of applications against the respondent).

Vexatious proceedings include proceedings that are an abuse of process, proceedings instituted without reasonable grounds, and proceedings instituted or conducted for a wrongful purpose.

102Q Definitions

(1) In this Part:

appropriate court official means:

- (a) in relation to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia—the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (c) in relation to the Family Court of Western Australia—the Principal Registrar of the Court; and

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- (d) in relation to any other court—the chief executive officer or principal registrar (however described) of the court.

Australian court or tribunal means a court or tribunal of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory.

harmful proceedings order means an order made under subsection 102QAC(1).

institute, in relation to proceedings, includes:

- (a) for civil proceedings—the taking of a step or the making of an application that may be necessary before proceedings can be started against a party; and
- (b) for proceedings before a tribunal—the taking of a step or the making of an application that may be necessary before proceedings can be started before the tribunal; and
- (c) for criminal proceedings—the making of a complaint or the obtaining of a warrant for the arrest of an alleged offender; and
- (d) for civil or criminal proceedings or proceedings before a tribunal—the taking of a step or the making of an application that may be necessary to start an appeal in relation to the proceedings or to a decision made in the course of the proceedings.

proceedings:

- (a) in relation to a court—has the meaning given by subsection 4(1); and
- (b) in relation to a tribunal—means a proceeding in the tribunal, whether between parties or not, and includes an incidental proceeding in the course of, or in connection with, a proceeding.

proceedings of a particular type includes:

- (a) proceedings in relation to a particular matter; and
- (b) proceedings against a particular person.

vexatious proceedings includes:

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- (a) proceedings that are an abuse of the process of a court or tribunal; and
- (b) proceedings instituted in a court or tribunal to harass or annoy, to cause delay or detriment, or for another wrongful purpose; and
- (c) proceedings instituted or pursued in a court or tribunal without reasonable ground; and
- (d) proceedings conducted in a court or tribunal in a way so as to harass or annoy, cause delay or detriment, or achieve another wrongful purpose.

vexatious proceedings order means an order made under subsection 102QB(2).

- (2) A reference in this Part to a person acting in concert with another person in instituting or conducting proceedings does not include a reference to a person who is so acting as a lawyer or representative of the other person.

102QA Interactions between provisions and with other powers of court

The provisions of this Part do not limit or otherwise affect:

- (a) each other; or
- (b) any other power that a court has to deal with proceedings.

Division 1A—Summary decrees

102QAB Summary decrees

No reasonable prospect of successfully defending proceedings

- (1) The court may make a decree for one party (the **first party**) against another in relation to the whole or any part of proceedings if:
 - (a) the first party is prosecuting the proceedings or that part of the proceedings; and
 - (b) the court is satisfied that the other party has no reasonable prospect of successfully defending the proceedings or that part of the proceedings.

No reasonable prospect of successfully prosecuting proceedings

- (2) The court may make a decree for one party (the **first party**) against another in relation to the whole or any part of a proceedings if:
 - (a) the first party is defending the proceedings or that part of the proceedings; and
 - (b) the court is satisfied that the other party has no reasonable prospect of successfully prosecuting the proceedings or that part of the proceedings.

When there is no reasonable prospect of success

- (3) For the purposes of this section, a defence or proceedings or part of proceedings need not be:
 - (a) hopeless; or
 - (b) bound to fail;to have no reasonable prospect of success.

Proceedings that are frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of process

- (4) The court may dismiss all or part of proceedings at any stage if it is satisfied that the proceedings or the part is frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of process.

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- (5) To avoid doubt, proceedings or a part of proceedings are not frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of process merely because an application relating to the proceedings or the part is made and later withdrawn.

Costs

- (6) If the court makes a decree, or dismisses all or part of proceedings, under this section, the court may make such order as to costs as the court considers just.

Action by court on its own initiative or on application

- (7) The court may take action under this section on its own initiative or on application by a party to the proceedings.

Division 1B—Harmful proceedings orders

Subdivision A—Making harmful proceedings orders

102QAC Making harmful proceedings orders

Making harmful proceedings orders

- (1) A court exercising jurisdiction in proceedings under this Act may make an order (a ***harmful proceedings order***) prohibiting a party (the ***first party***) to the proceedings from instituting proceedings under this Act against another party to the proceedings without the leave of the court under section 102QAG, if the court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe that:
- (a) the other party would suffer harm if the first party instituted further proceedings against the other party; or
 - (b) in the case of child-related proceedings (within the meaning of Part VII)—the child who is the subject of the proceedings would suffer harm if the first party instituted further proceedings against the other party.

Note: ***Proceedings*** includes cross-proceedings and incidental proceedings (see subsection 4(1)).

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), harm may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) psychological harm or oppression;
 - (b) major mental distress;
 - (c) a detrimental effect on the other party's capacity to care for a child;
 - (d) financial harm.
- (3) In determining whether to make an order under subsection (1), the court may have regard to:
- (a) the history of the proceedings under this Act between the first party and the other party; and

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- (b) whether the first party has frequently instituted or conducted proceedings against the other party in any Australian court or tribunal (including proceedings instituted (or attempted to be instituted) or conducted, and orders made, before the commencement of this section); and
 - (c) the cumulative effect, or any potential cumulative effect, of any harm resulting from the proceedings referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (4) The court may make a harmful proceedings order on its own initiative or on application by a party to the proceedings.
- (5) The court must not make a harmful proceedings order in relation to a person without hearing the person or giving the person an opportunity of being heard.
- (6) An order made under subsection (1) is a final order.

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- (7) If the court makes an order under subsection (1), the court must also make an order as to whether the court is to notify the other party, in the event that the first party makes an application under section 102QAE for leave to institute proceedings against the other party, of either or both of the following:
 - (a) that the application has been made;
 - (b) if the application is dismissed—that the application has been dismissed.
- (8) The court must have regard to the wishes of the other party in making an order under subsection (7).

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Subdivision B—Consequences of harmful proceedings orders

102QAD Proceedings in contravention of harmful proceedings order

- (1) If a person is subject to a harmful proceedings order prohibiting the person from instituting proceedings under this Act in a court having jurisdiction under this Act:
 - (a) the person must not institute proceedings in the court without the leave of the court under section 102QAG; and
 - (b) another person must not, acting in concert with the person, institute proceedings in the court without the leave of the court under section 102QAG.
- (2) If proceedings are instituted in contravention of subsection (1), the proceedings are stayed.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the court may make:
 - (a) an order declaring proceedings are proceedings to which subsection (2) applies; and
 - (b) any other order in relation to the stayed proceedings it considers appropriate, including an order for costs.
- (4) The court may make an order under subsection (3) on its own initiative or on the application of a person a party to the proceedings.

102QAE Application for leave to institute proceedings

- (1) This section applies to a person (the *applicant*) who is:
 - (a) subject to a harmful proceedings order prohibiting the person from instituting further proceedings under this Act in a court having jurisdiction under this Act; or
 - (b) acting in concert with another person who is subject to an order mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) The applicant may apply to the court for leave to institute proceedings that are subject to the order.

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Note: The court may be required to give notice that the application has been made (see subsection 102QAC(7)).

- (3) The applicant must file an affidavit with the application that:
 - (a) lists all the occasions on which the applicant has applied for leave under this section; and
 - (b) discloses all relevant facts about the application, whether supporting or adverse to the application, that are known to the applicant.
- (4) The applicant must not serve a copy of the application or affidavit on a person unless an order is made under section 102QAG. If the order is made, the applicant must serve the copy in accordance with the order.

102QAF Dismissing application for leave

- (1) The court may make an order dismissing an application under section 102QAE for leave to institute proceedings if it considers the affidavit does not substantially comply with subsection 102QAE(3).

Note: The court may be required to give notice that the application has been dismissed (see subsection 102QAC(7)).

- (2) The court must make an order dismissing an application under section 102QAE for leave to institute proceedings if it considers the proceedings are vexatious proceedings.

Note: The court may be required to give notice that the application has been dismissed (see subsection 102QAC(7)).

- (3) The court may dismiss the application without an oral hearing (either with or without the consent of the applicant).
- (4) The court may make an order under this section in Chambers.

102QAG Granting application for leave

- (1) The court may make an order granting the application for leave only if it is satisfied that the proceedings are not frivolous,

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vexatious or an abuse of process, and have reasonable prospects of success.

- (2) An order under subsection (1) may be made subject to the conditions the court considers appropriate.

Division 2—Vexatious proceedings orders

Subdivision A—Making vexatious proceedings orders

102QB Making vexatious proceedings orders

- (1) This section applies if a court exercising jurisdiction in proceedings under this Act is satisfied:
 - (a) a person has frequently instituted or conducted vexatious proceedings in Australian courts or tribunals; or
 - (b) a person, acting in concert with another person who is subject to a vexatious proceedings order or who is covered by paragraph (a), has instituted or conducted vexatious proceedings in an Australian court or tribunal.
- (2) The court may make any or all of the following orders:
 - (a) an order staying or dismissing all or part of any proceedings in the court already instituted by the person;
 - (b) an order prohibiting the person from instituting proceedings, or proceedings of a particular type, under this Act in a court having jurisdiction under this Act;
 - (c) any other order the court considers appropriate in relation to the person.

Note: Examples of an order under paragraph (c) are an order directing that the person may only file documents by mail, an order to give security for costs and an order for costs.
- (3) The court may make a vexatious proceedings order on its own initiative or on the application of any of the following:
 - (a) the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory;
 - (b) the appropriate court official;
 - (c) a person against whom another person has instituted or conducted vexatious proceedings;
 - (d) a person who has a sufficient interest in the matter.

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- (4) The court must not make a vexatious proceedings order in relation to a person without hearing the person or giving the person an opportunity of being heard.
- (5) An order made under paragraph (2)(a) or (b) is a final order.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (1), the court may have regard to:
 - (a) proceedings instituted (or attempted to be instituted) or conducted in any Australian court or tribunal; and
 - (b) orders made by any Australian court or tribunal; and
 - (c) the person's overall conduct in proceedings conducted in any Australian court or tribunal (including the person's compliance with orders made by that court or tribunal);including proceedings instituted (or attempted to be instituted) or conducted, and orders made, before the commencement of this section.

102QC Notification of vexatious proceedings orders

- (1) A person may request the appropriate court official of a court for a certificate stating whether a person named in the request is or has been the subject of a vexatious proceedings order made by the court.
- (2) If a person makes a request under subsection (1) and the person named in the request is or has been the subject of a vexatious proceedings order made by the court, the appropriate court official must issue to the person making the request a certificate:
 - (a) specifying the date of the order; and
 - (b) specifying any other information prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court.
- (3) This section is subject to any law of the Commonwealth, or order of the court, restricting the publication or disclosure of the name of a party to proceedings in the court.

Note: Section 155 of the *Evidence Act 1995* deals with adducing evidence of Commonwealth records.

Subdivision B—Consequences of vexatious proceedings orders

102QD Proceedings in contravention of vexatious proceedings order

- (1) If a person is subject to a vexatious proceedings order prohibiting the person from instituting proceedings, or proceedings of a particular type, under this Act in a court having jurisdiction under this Act:
 - (a) the person must not institute proceedings, or proceedings of that type, in the court without the leave of the court under section 102QG; and
 - (b) another person must not, acting in concert with the person, institute proceedings, or proceedings of that type, in the court without the leave of the court under section 102QG.
- (2) If proceedings are instituted in contravention of subsection (1), the proceedings are stayed.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the court may make:
 - (a) an order declaring proceedings are proceedings to which subsection (2) applies; and
 - (b) any other order in relation to the stayed proceedings it considers appropriate, including an order for costs.
- (4) The court may make an order under subsection (3) on its own initiative or on the application of any of the following:
 - (a) the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory;
 - (b) the appropriate court official;
 - (c) a person against whom another person has instituted or conducted vexatious proceedings;
 - (d) a person who has a sufficient interest in the matter.

102QE Application for leave to institute proceedings by person subject to vexatious proceedings order

- (1) This section applies to a person (the *applicant*) who is:

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- (a) subject to a vexatious proceedings order prohibiting the person from instituting proceedings, or proceedings of a particular type, under this Act in a court having jurisdiction under this Act; or
 - (b) acting in concert with another person who is subject to an order mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) The applicant may apply to the court for leave to institute proceedings that are subject to the order.
- (3) The applicant must file an affidavit with the application that:
 - (a) lists all the occasions on which the applicant has applied for leave under this section; and
 - (b) lists all other proceedings the applicant has instituted in any Australian court or tribunal, including proceedings instituted before the commencement of this section; and
 - (c) discloses all relevant facts about the application, whether supporting or adverse to the application, that are known to the applicant.
- (4) The applicant must not serve a copy of the application or affidavit on a person unless an order is made under paragraph 102QG(1)(a). If the order is made, the applicant must serve the copy in accordance with the order.

102QF Dismissing application for leave by person subject to vexatious proceedings order

- (1) The court may make an order dismissing an application under section 102QE for leave to institute proceedings if it considers the affidavit does not substantially comply with subsection 102QE(3).
- (2) The court must make an order dismissing an application under section 102QE for leave to institute proceedings if it considers the proceedings are vexatious proceedings.
- (3) The court may dismiss the application without an oral hearing (either with or without the consent of the applicant).

- (4) The court may make an order under this section in Chambers.

102QG Granting application for leave by person subject to vexatious proceedings order

- (1) Before the court makes an order granting an application under section 102QE for leave to institute proceedings, it must:
- (a) order that the applicant serve:
 - (i) the person against whom the applicant proposes to institute the proceedings; and
 - (ii) any other person specified in the order;with a copy of the application and affidavit and a notice that the person is entitled to be heard on the application; and
 - (b) give the applicant and each person described in subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii), on appearance, an opportunity to be heard at the hearing of the application.
- (2) At the hearing of the application, the court may receive as evidence any record of evidence given, or affidavit filed, in any proceedings in any Australian court or tribunal in which the applicant is, or at any time was, involved either as a party or as a person acting in concert with a party.
- (3) The court may make an order granting the application. The order may be made subject to the conditions the court considers appropriate.
- (4) The court may grant leave only if it is satisfied the proceedings are not vexatious proceedings.

Part XII—Recognition of decrees

103 Decrees under this Act

A decree under this Act has effect throughout Australia and the external Territories.

104 Overseas decrees

(1) In this section:

applicant, in relation to a divorce or the annulment of a marriage or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, means:

- (a) the party at whose instance the divorce, annulment or legal separation was effected; or
- (b) where the divorce, annulment or legal separation was effected at the instance of both the parties—each of the parties.

marriage includes a purported marriage that is void.

relevant date, in relation to a divorce or the annulment of a marriage or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, means the date of the institution of the proceedings that resulted in the divorce, annulment or legal separation.

respondent, in relation to a divorce or the annulment of a marriage or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, means a party to the marriage, not being a party at whose instance the divorce, annulment or legal separation was effected.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a person who is a national of a country of which an overseas jurisdiction forms part shall be deemed to be a national of that overseas jurisdiction.

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- (3) A divorce or the annulment of a marriage, or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, effected in accordance with the law of an overseas jurisdiction shall be recognised as valid in Australia where:
- (a) the respondent was ordinarily resident in the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date;
 - (b) the applicant or, in a case referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of ***applicant*** in subsection (1), one of the applicants, was ordinarily resident in the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date and either:
 - (i) the ordinary residence of the applicant or of that applicant, as the case may be, had continued for not less than 1 year immediately before the relevant date; or
 - (ii) the last place of cohabitation of the parties to the marriage was in that jurisdiction;
 - (c) the applicant or the respondent or, in a case referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of ***applicant*** in subsection (1), one of the applicants, was domiciled in the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date;
 - (d) the respondent was a national of the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date;
 - (e) the applicant or, in a case referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of ***applicant*** in subsection (1), one of the applicants, was a national of the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date and either:
 - (i) the applicant or that applicant, as the case may be, was ordinarily resident in that jurisdiction at that date; or
 - (ii) the applicant or that applicant, as the case may be, had been ordinarily resident in that jurisdiction for a continuous period of 1 year falling, at least in part, within the period of 2 years immediately before the relevant date; or
 - (f) the applicant or, in a case referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of ***applicant*** in subsection (1), one of the applicants, was a national of, and present in, the overseas jurisdiction at the relevant date and the last place of

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cohabitation of the parties to the marriage was an overseas jurisdiction the law of which, at the relevant date, did not provide for divorce, the annulment of marriage or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, as the case may be.

- (4) A divorce or the annulment of a marriage, or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, shall not be recognised as valid by virtue of subsection (3) where:
- (a) under the common law rules of private international law, recognition of its validity would be refused on the ground that a party to the marriage had been denied natural justice; or
 - (b) recognition would manifestly be contrary to public policy.
- (5) Any divorce or any annulment of a marriage, or any legal separation of the parties to a marriage, that would be recognised as valid under the common law rules of private international law but to which none of the preceding provisions of this section applies shall be recognised as valid in Australia, and the operation of this subsection shall not be limited by any implication from those provisions.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the annulment in accordance with the law of an overseas jurisdiction of a marriage solemnized under Part V of the *Marriage Act 1961*, being an annulment on the ground only of non-compliance with the formalities prescribed by the law of the jurisdiction in which the marriage was solemnized, shall not be recognised as valid in Australia.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a court in Australia, in considering the validity of a divorce or an annulment of a marriage, or a legal separation of the parties to a marriage, effected under a law of an overseas jurisdiction:
- (a) where the respondent appeared in the proceedings for the divorce, annulment or separation:
 - (i) is bound by the findings of fact on the basis of which a court of the overseas jurisdiction assumed jurisdiction to grant the divorce, annulment or separation; and

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- (ii) may treat as proved any other facts found by a court of the overseas jurisdiction or otherwise established for the purposes of the law of the overseas jurisdiction; or
 - (b) where the respondent did not appear in the proceedings for the divorce, annulment or separation—may treat as proved any facts found by a court of the overseas jurisdiction or otherwise established for the purposes of the law of the overseas jurisdiction.
- (8) For the purposes of the preceding provisions of this section but without limiting the operation of those provisions, a divorce or the annulment of a marriage, or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, shall be deemed to have been effected in accordance with the law of an overseas jurisdiction if it was effected in another overseas jurisdiction in circumstances in which, at the relevant date, it would have been recognised as valid by the law of the first-mentioned overseas jurisdiction.
- (9) Where a divorce or the annulment of a marriage is to be recognised as valid in accordance with this section, the capacity of a party to that marriage to remarry in accordance with the law of Australia is not affected by the fact that the validity of the divorce or annulment is not recognised under the law of some other jurisdiction.
- (10) The preceding provisions of this section apply in relation to divorces, annulments and legal separations effected whether by decree, legislation or otherwise, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, and, for the purposes of this section, any decree, legislation or other process by which it is established that a purported marriage was or is to become void shall be deemed to be an annulment of the marriage.

104A Recognition in external Territories

- (1) In this section:

external Territory does not include Norfolk Island.

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overseas jurisdiction does not include an external Territory.

- (2) A divorce or the annulment of a marriage, or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, effected in accordance with the law of an overseas jurisdiction that is recognised as valid in Australia shall be recognised as valid in every external Territory.
- (3) A divorce or the annulment of a marriage, or the legal separation of the parties to a marriage, effected in accordance with the law of an external Territory that is recognised as valid in Australia shall be recognised as valid in every other external Territory.

Part XIII—Enforcement of decrees

105 Enforcement generally

- (1) Subject to this Part, to the regulations and to the applicable Rules of Court, all decrees made under this Act may be enforced by any court having jurisdiction under this Act.
- (2) Except as prescribed, a court shall not entertain a proceeding under this Act for the enforcement of a decree made by another court unless the decree is registered in the first-mentioned court in accordance with the regulations.
- (2A) Subsection (2) does not prevent a court from making an order under paragraph 90KA(c) or 90UN(c).
- (3) Where a person bound by a decree made under this Act has died, the decree may, by leave of:
 - (a) the court by which it was made; or
 - (b) any court in which the decree has been registered in accordance with the regulations (whether the decree was registered before or after the death of the person);and on such terms and conditions as the court considers appropriate, be enforced, in respect of liabilities that arose under the decree before the death of that person, against the estate of that person.

106 Maintenance orders—more than 12 months in arrears

In determining whether to make an order enforcing a maintenance order, a court must not require that there be special circumstances that justify enforcing the maintenance order merely because the maintenance payable under it is more than 12 months in arrears.

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106A Execution of instruments by order of court

(1) If:

- (a) an order under this Act has directed a person to execute a deed or instrument; and
- (b) that person has refused or neglected to comply with the direction or, for any other reason, the court considers it necessary to exercise the powers of the court under this subsection;

the court may appoint an officer of the court or other person to execute the deed or instrument in the name of the person to whom the direction was given and to do all acts and things necessary to give validity and operation to the deed or instrument.

(2) If:

- (a) a provision of a maintenance agreement that has been registered under section 86 or approved by a court under section 87 requires a person to execute a deed or instrument; and
- (b) that person has refused or neglected to comply with that provision of the maintenance agreement or, for any other reason, the court considers it necessary to exercise the powers of the court under this subsection;

the court may appoint an officer of the court or other person to execute the deed or instrument in the name of the person required by that provision of the maintenance agreement to execute the deed or instrument and to do all acts and things necessary to give validity and operation to the deed or instrument.

- (3) The execution of a deed or instrument by a person appointed under this section to execute that deed or instrument has the same force and validity as if the deed or instrument had been executed by the person directed by an order referred to in paragraph (1)(a), or required by a provision of a maintenance agreement referred to in paragraph (2)(a), to execute it.

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- (4) The court may make such order as it considers just as to the payment of the costs and expenses of and incidental to the preparation of the deed or instrument and its execution.

106B Transactions to defeat claims

- (1) In proceedings under this Act, the court may set aside or restrain the making of an instrument or disposition by or on behalf of, or by direction or in the interest of, a party, which is made or proposed to be made to defeat an existing or anticipated order in those proceedings or which, irrespective of intention, is likely to defeat any such order.

(1A) If:

- (a) a party to a marriage, or a party to a de facto relationship, is a bankrupt; and
- (b) the bankruptcy trustee is a party to proceedings under this Act;

the court may set aside or restrain the making of an instrument or disposition:

- (c) which is made or proposed to be made by or on behalf of, or by direction or in the interest of, the bankrupt; and
- (d) which is made or proposed to be made to defeat an existing or anticipated order in those proceedings or which, irrespective of intention, is likely to defeat any such order.

(1B) If:

- (a) a party to a marriage, or a party to a de facto relationship, is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement; and
- (b) the trustee of the agreement is a party to proceedings under this Act;

the court may set aside or restrain the making of an instrument or disposition:

- (c) which is made or proposed to be made by or on behalf of, or by direction or in the interest of, the debtor; and

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- (d) which is made or proposed to be made to defeat an existing or anticipated order in those proceedings or which, irrespective of intention, is likely to defeat any such order.
- (2) The court may order that any money or real or personal property dealt with by any instrument or disposition referred to in subsection (1), (1A) or (1B) may be taken in execution or charged with the payment of such sums for costs or maintenance as the court directs, or that the proceeds of a sale must be paid into court to abide its order.
- (3) The court must have regard to the interests of, and shall make any order proper for the protection of, a bona fide purchaser or other person interested.
- (4) A party or a person acting in collusion with a party may be ordered to pay the costs of any other party or of a bona fide purchaser or other person interested of and incidental to any such instrument or disposition and the setting aside or restraining of the instrument or disposition.
- (4AA) An application may be made to the court for an order under this section by:
 - (a) a party to the proceedings; or
 - (b) a creditor of a party to the proceedings if the creditor may not be able to recover his or her debt if the instrument or disposition were made; or
 - (c) any other person whose interests would be affected by the making of the instrument or disposition.
- (4A) In addition to the powers the court has under this section, the court may also do any or all of the things listed in subsection 80(1) or 90SS(1).
- (5) In this section:
 - disposition** includes:
 - (a) a sale or gift; and

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- (b) the issue, grant, creation, transfer or cancellation of, or a variation of the rights attaching to, an interest in a company or a trust.

interest:

- (a) in a company includes:
 - (i) a share in or debenture of the company; and
 - (ii) an option over a share in or debenture of the company (whether the share or debenture is issued or not); and
- (b) in a trust includes:
 - (i) a beneficial interest in the trust; and
 - (ii) the interest of a settlor in property subject to the trust; and
 - (iii) a power of appointment under the trust; and
 - (iv) a power to rescind or vary a provision of, or to rescind or vary the effect of the exercise of a power under, the trust; and
 - (v) an interest that is conditional, contingent or deferred.

107 People not to be imprisoned for failure to comply with certain orders

- (1) A person must not be imprisoned or otherwise placed in custody because of a contravention of an order for the payment of money made in a matrimonial cause or de facto financial cause.
- (2) This section does not affect the operation of:
 - (a) Division 13A of Part VII; or
 - (b) Part XIII A; or
 - (c) Part XIII B.

109 Inter-State enforcement of child bearing expenses order

- (1) This section applies to the following orders made under the law of a State or Territory:
 - (a) orders of a kind that may be made under section 67D;

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- (b) orders for the payment of an amount in relation to the maintenance of a child.
- (2) The regulations may make provision for and in relation to the enforcement in a State or Territory by a court having jurisdiction under this Act of orders to which this section applies made by a court in another State or Territory.

109A Rules of Court relating to enforcement

- (1) The power of Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) under section 123, and the power of Judges of a Family Court of a State under section 123A, to make Rules of Court extends to making Rules of Court for or in relation to, or for or in relation to anything incidental to, the enforcement by the court of:
 - (a) a child-related order; or
 - (b) an order under this Act (within the meaning of Part XIII A); or
 - (c) the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988*; or
 - (d) the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*;and, in particular, for or in relation to any of the specific matters mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The specific matters are as follows:
 - (a) requiring a person to do any one or more of the following:
 - (i) to attend before a court or Registrar and answer questions or produce documents;
 - (ii) to deliver a document or article to, or to a person specified by, a court or Registrar;
 - (iii) to transfer the ownership of specified property to another person;
 - (iv) to give another person possession (including exclusive possession) of specified property;
 - (v) to deliver a specified chattel to another person;
 - (vi) to do, or abstain from doing, any other act;

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- (b) prescribing the practice and procedure to be followed for a hearing before a court or Registrar for the purpose of giving effect to a requirement made as mentioned in subparagraph (a)(i);
 - (c) taking any one or more of the actions mentioned in subsection (3) in respect of a person who:
 - (i) fails to pay the amount of a fine imposed under Division 13A of Part VII or under Part XIII A; or
 - (ii) fails to pay an amount payable under a bond entered into under Division 13A of Part VII or under Part XIII A; or
 - (iii) fails to pay under section 66L an amount of maintenance for a person over the age of 18 years; or
 - (iv) fails to pay an amount payable under a registered maintenance liability under the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* or the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*; or
 - (v) fails to comply with a requirement made as mentioned in paragraph (a);
 - (d) delegating to a Registrar all or any of the powers conferred on a court under Rules of Court made under this section.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the actions in respect of a person the taking of which may be provided for by Rules of Court as mentioned in paragraph (2)(c) are as follows:
- (a) the issue of a warrant for the arrest of the person;
 - (b) the issue of a warrant of execution against property of the person;
 - (c) the making of an order authorising the taking of possession of property of the person;
 - (d) the making of an order for the sequestration, and if necessary the sale, of property of the person;
 - (e) the making of an order for the attachment, by garnishment or attachment of earnings, of debts owed to the person;
 - (f) the appointment of a receiver of property of the person.

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- (4) A reference in paragraph (2)(c) to a failure to pay an amount is a reference to any such failure irrespective of the length of the period during which the failure has continued, and includes a reference to a failure to pay part of an amount.
- (5) In this section:
property means real or personal property.

109AA Rules of Court relating to enforcement—Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)

- (1) Section 109A applies to the making of Rules of Court under Chapter 3 of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* in a corresponding way to the way in which it applies to the making of Rules of Court under section 123 of this Act.
- (2) For the purposes of the application of section 109A in accordance with subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) the reference in subsection 109A(1) to the court is to be read as a reference to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1); and
 - (b) each reference in subsection 109A(2) to a court is to be read as a reference to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1); and
 - (c) each reference in subsection 109A(2) to a Registrar is to be read as a reference to the Chief Executive Officer, or a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1).
- (3) Section 109A has no effect in relation to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) except as provided by subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

109B Rules of Court relating to enforcement—Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

- (1) Section 109A applies to the making of Rules of Court under Chapter 4 of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act*

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2021 in a corresponding way to the way in which it applies to the making of Rules of Court under section 123 of this Act.

- (2) For the purposes of the application of section 109A in accordance with subsection (1):
 - (a) the reference in subsection 109A(1) to the court is to be read as a reference to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2); and
 - (b) each reference in subsection 109A(2) to a court is to be read as a reference to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2); and
 - (c) each reference in subsection 109A(2) to a Registrar is to be read as a reference to the Chief Executive Officer, or a Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2).
- (3) Section 109A has no effect in relation to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) except as provided by subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

**Part XIIIAA—International conventions,
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**Division 1—International maintenance orders and
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110 Overseas enforcement of maintenance orders etc.

- (1) In this section:

jurisdiction with restricted reciprocity means a country, or part of a country, outside Australia declared by the regulations to be a jurisdiction with restricted reciprocity for the purposes of this section.

maintenance order means:

- (a) an order or determination (however described) with respect to the maintenance of a party to a marriage; or
- (b) an order or determination (however described) with respect to the maintenance of a child who has not attained the age of 18 years, other than an order or determination of the kind referred to in paragraph (c); or
- (c) an order or determination (however described) with respect to the maintenance of a child who has not attained the age of 18 years, if:
 - (i) the order or determination is expressed to continue in force until a day that is later than, or for a period that extends beyond, the day on which the child will attain that age; and
 - (ii) the provision of maintenance for the child is necessary to enable the child to complete a course of study, vocational training or an apprenticeship or to continue his or her education in any other way, or because the child is a child with disability; or

- (d) an order or determination (however described) with respect to the maintenance of a child who has attained the age of 18 years, if:
 - (i) the order or determination is expressed to continue in force until a day, or for a period, specified in the order or determination; and
 - (ii) the provision of maintenance for the child is necessary to enable the child to complete a course of study, vocational training or an apprenticeship or to continue his or her education in any other way, or because the child is a child with disability; or
- (e) to the extent provided by the regulations, an order made under section 67D, or an order or determination (however described) that deals with matters of a kind in relation to which orders may be made under that section.

reciprocating jurisdiction means a country, or part of a country, outside Australia declared by the regulations to be a reciprocating jurisdiction for the purposes of this section.

- (2) The regulations may make provision for and in relation to:
 - (a) the registration in, and enforcement by, courts having jurisdiction under this Act of maintenance orders made by courts or authorities of reciprocating jurisdictions or of jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity;
 - (aa) the institution and prosecution, by an officer of a court having jurisdiction under this Act, a prescribed authority of the Commonwealth, of a State or Territory, or of another country or a part of another country, or a person for the time being holding a prescribed office under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or Territory, or of another country or a part of another country, in his, her or its discretion, of proceedings:
 - (i) on behalf of the person entitled to moneys payable under a maintenance order made by a court or authority of a reciprocating jurisdiction or of a jurisdiction with restricted reciprocity, for the enforcement by a court

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- having jurisdiction under this Act of that maintenance order; or
- (ii) for the making of orders for the confirmation of provisional orders made by courts of reciprocating jurisdictions or of jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity, being provisional orders referred to in paragraph (d);
- (ab) the institution and prosecution, by an authority entitled to moneys payable under a maintenance order, in the authority's discretion, of proceedings for the enforcement of that maintenance order by a court having jurisdiction under this Act;
- (b) the transmission to appropriate courts or authorities of reciprocating jurisdictions or of jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity of maintenance orders made by courts having jurisdiction under this Act for the purpose of securing the enforcement of those orders in those jurisdictions;
- (ba) the making of provisional maintenance orders, and the transmission of such orders to appropriate courts of reciprocating jurisdictions or jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity, for the purposes of obtaining the confirmation, and securing the enforcement, of those orders in those jurisdictions, and the effect in Australia of those orders;
- (c) the making of orders (including provisional orders) for the variation, discharge, suspension or revival of maintenance orders registered in accordance with regulations under this section or of maintenance orders or provisional maintenance orders transmitted to other jurisdictions in accordance with regulations under this section, and the effect in Australia of orders under this paragraph;
- (d) the making of orders for the confirmation of provisional orders made by courts in reciprocating jurisdictions or in jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity, being provisional maintenance orders or provisional orders varying, discharging, suspending or reviving maintenance orders, and the effect in Australia of orders under this paragraph; and

- (e) the making of orders for giving effect to process certified or approved by a court in the United States of America, being process relating to the provision of maintenance, and the effect in Australia of orders under this paragraph.
- (3) The regulations may make different provision under this section in relation to reciprocating jurisdictions from the provision made in relation to jurisdictions with restricted reciprocity.

110A Registration and enforcement in Australia of overseas maintenance agreements etc.

The regulations may make provision for and in relation to the registration and enforcement in Australia of:

- (a) overseas maintenance agreements; or
- (b) overseas administrative assessments of maintenance liabilities.

110B Transmission of agreements etc. to overseas jurisdictions

The regulations may make provision for and in relation to the transmission, to appropriate courts or authorities of prescribed overseas jurisdictions, of:

- (a) agreements registered under section 86; or
 - (b) agreements approved by courts under section 87; or
 - (c) financial agreements made as mentioned in subsection 90B(1) that contain matters referred to in paragraph 90B(2)(b); or
 - (d) financial agreements made as mentioned in subsection 90C(1) that contain matters referred to in paragraph 90C(2)(b); or
 - (e) financial agreements made as mentioned in subsection 90D(1) that contain matters referred to in paragraph 90D(2)(b); or
 - (f) administrative assessments of maintenance liabilities;
- for the purpose of securing the enforcement of those agreements or assessments in those jurisdictions.

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111 Convention on Recovery Abroad of Maintenance

The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance signed at New York on 20 June 1956 but any such regulations shall not come into operation until the day on which that Convention enters into force for Australia.

111A Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Relating to Maintenance Obligations

The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Relating to Maintenance Obligations signed at The Hague on 2 October 1973 but any such regulations shall not come into operation until the day on which that Convention enters into force for Australia.

111AA Maintenance obligations with New Zealand

- (1) This section has effect despite anything in Part VII.
- (2) A court must not determine an application for payment of child or spousal maintenance (whether under this Act or the regulations) if:
 - (a) the person seeking payment is habitually resident in New Zealand; and
 - (b) determining the application would require the court to make a decision mentioned in Article 1.2 of the Australia-New Zealand Agreement.

Note: Article 1.2 of the Agreement is as follows:

For the purposes of this Agreement a decision shall include:

- (a) a child support assessment issued by an administrative authority;

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- (b) an agreement to make payments for the maintenance of a child or spouse which has been registered with an administrative authority;
- (c) an assessment, order or agreement suspending, modifying or revoking a decision of the kind referred to in (a) or (b);
- (d) an order for child maintenance made by a judicial authority;
- (e) an order for spousal maintenance made by a judicial authority;
- (f) an agreement to make payments for the maintenance of a child or spouse which has been registered with a judicial authority;
- (g) an order or agreement suspending, modifying or revoking a decision of the kind referred to in (d), (e) or (f);
- (h) a liability to pay an amount to an administrative authority for the maintenance of a child or as contribution to the cost of government benefits paid to a payee for the maintenance of a child.

(3) In this section:

Australia-New Zealand Agreement means the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand on Child and Spousal Maintenance signed at Canberra on 12 April 2000.

111AB Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia for the enforcement of Maintenance (Support) Obligations

The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia for the enforcement of Maintenance (Support) Obligations, which was concluded and entered into force on 12 December 2002.

Division 2—International child abduction

111B Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

- (1) The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction signed at The Hague on 25 October 1980 (the **Convention**) but any such regulations shall not come into operation until the day on which that Convention enters into force for Australia.
- (1A) In relation to proceedings under regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1), the regulations may make provision:
- (a) relating to the onus of establishing that a child should not be returned under the Convention; and
 - (b) establishing rebuttable presumptions in favour of returning a child under the Convention; and
 - (c) relating to a Central Authority within the meaning of the regulations applying on behalf of another person for a parenting order that deals with the person or persons with whom a child is to spend time or communicate if the outcome of the proceedings is that the child is not to be returned under the Convention.
- (1C) A Central Authority within the meaning of the regulations may arrange to place a child, who has been returned to Australia under the Convention, with an appropriate person, institution or other body to secure the child's welfare until a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act makes an order (including an interim order) for the child's care, welfare or development.
- (1D) A Central Authority may do so despite any orders made by a court before the child's return to Australia.

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- (1E) Any regulations made for the purposes of this section to give effect to Article 21 (rights of access) of the Convention may have effect regardless of:
- (a) whether an order or determination (however described) has been made under a law in force in another Convention country (within the meaning of the regulations made for the purposes of this section), with respect to rights of access to the child concerned; or
 - (b) if the child was removed to Australia—when that happened; or
 - (c) whether the child has been wrongfully removed to, or retained in, Australia.
- (2) Because of amendments of this Act made by the *Family Law Reform Act 1995*:
- (a) a parent or guardian of a child is no longer expressly stated to have custody of the child; and
 - (b) a court can no longer make an order under this Act expressed in terms of granting a person custody of, or access to, a child.
- (3) The purpose of subsection (4) is to resolve doubts about the implications of these changes for the Convention. That is the only purpose of the subsection.
- (4) For the purposes of the Convention:
- (a) each of the parents of a child should be regarded as having rights of custody in respect of the child unless the parent has no parental responsibility for the child because of any order of a court for the time being in force; and
 - (b) subject to any order of a court for the time being in force, a person:
 - (i) with whom a child is to live under a parenting order; or
 - (ii) who has parental responsibility for a child under a parenting order;should be regarded as having rights of custody in respect of the child; and

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- (c) subject to any order of a court for the time being in force, a person who has parental responsibility for a child because of the operation of this Act or another Australian law and is responsible for the day-to-day or long-term care, welfare and development of the child should be regarded as having rights of custody in respect of the child; and
- (d) subject to any order of a court for the time being in force, a person:
 - (i) with whom a child is to spend time under a parenting order; or
 - (ii) with whom a child is to communicate under a parenting order;should be regarded as having a right of access to the child.

Note: The references in paragraphs (b) and (d) to parenting orders also cover provisions of parenting agreements registered under section 63E (see section 63F, in particular subsection (3)).

- (5) Subsection (4) is not intended to be a complete statement of the circumstances in which, under the laws of the Commonwealth, the States and the Territories, a person has, for the purposes of the Convention, custody of, or access to, a child, or a right or rights of custody or access in relation to a child.
- (5A) Subsections (1A) and (2) to (5) do not, by implication, limit subsection (1).
- (6) Expressions used in this section have the same meaning as they have in Part VII.

Division 3—International agreements about adoption etc.

111C International agreements about adoption etc.

- (1) The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption signed at The Hague on 29 May 1993.
- (2) The regulations do not come into force until the day on which the Convention enters into force for Australia.
- (3) The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to give effect to any bilateral agreement or arrangement on the adoption of children made between:
 - (a) Australia, or a State or Territory of Australia; and
 - (b) a prescribed overseas jurisdiction.
- (4) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3) may, in particular:
 - (a) provide for the recognition of adoptions made under a law of the prescribed overseas jurisdiction; and
 - (b) provide that the regulations do not affect the operation of laws of a State or Territory that relate to adoptions; and
 - (c) if a State or Territory has made such a bilateral agreement or arrangement on behalf of other States or Territories—give effect to the agreement or arrangement so far as it relates to all of those States or Territories, or to such of them as the regulations specify.
- (5) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may:
 - (a) confer jurisdiction on a federal court (other than the High Court) or a court of a Territory; or
 - (b) invest a court of a State with federal jurisdiction.

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Such jurisdiction is in addition to any other jurisdiction provided for under this Act or the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021*.

- (6) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (5) may make different provision in respect of matters arising in relation to different States or Territories. (This subsection does not, by implication, limit subsection 33(3A) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.)
- (7) Subsections (4), (5) and (6) of this section do not, by implication, limit subsections (1) and (3) of this section.
- (7A) The power of Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) under section 123, and the power of Judges of a Family Court of a State under section 123A, to make Rules of Court extends to making Rules of Court for or in relation to the making of adoption orders.
- (7B) The power of Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) under Chapter 3 of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* to make Rules of Court extends to making Rules of Court for or in relation to the making of adoption orders.
- (7C) The power of Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) under Chapter 4 of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* to make Rules of Court extends to making Rules of Court for or in relation to the making of adoption orders.
- (8) In this section, despite subsection 4(1), **Territory** includes each external Territory.

Division 4—International protection of children

Subdivision A—Preliminary

111CA Definitions

- (1) In this Division:

another country means a Convention country or a non-Convention country.

Australia includes the external Territories.

central authority of a Convention country means:

- (a) if there is one central authority of the Convention country under Article 29 of the Child Protection Convention—the Convention country’s central authority; or
- (b) otherwise—the central authority designated, under Article 29 of the Child Protection Convention, as the Convention country’s central authority to which any communication may be addressed for transmission to the appropriate central authority of the Convention country.

Child Protection Convention means the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children signed at The Hague on 19 October 1996, a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 1.

Commonwealth central authority means the Secretary of the Attorney-General’s Department.

Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child means a measure (within the meaning of the Child Protection Convention) under this Act that is directed to the protection of the person of the child.

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Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child means a measure (within the meaning of the Child Protection Convention) under this Act for appointing, or deciding the powers of, a guardian of the child's property.

competent authority:

- (a) **competent authority** of Australia means an entity that has responsibility or authority under the law in force in Australia, or part of Australia, to take measures or make decisions about:
 - (i) protecting the person of a child; or
 - (ii) appointing or deciding the powers of a guardian of a child's property; and
- (b) **competent authority** of a Convention country means an entity that has responsibility or authority under the law in force in the Convention country to take, or make decisions about, a foreign measure relating to a child; and
- (c) **competent authority** of a non-Convention country means an entity that has responsibility or authority under the law in force in the country to take measures or make decisions about:
 - (i) protecting the person of a child; or
 - (ii) appointing or deciding the powers of a guardian of a child's property.

Convention country means a country, other than Australia, for which the Child Protection Convention has entered into force.

country of refuge of a child means a country in which the child is present as a refugee child.

entity includes the following:

- (a) an individual;
- (b) a corporation;
- (c) an unincorporated body;
- (d) a government authority or body;
- (e) a court or tribunal.

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foreign measure means:

- (a) a foreign personal protection measure; or
- (b) a foreign property protection measure.

foreign personal protection measure relating to a child means a measure (within the meaning of the Child Protection Convention) taken by a competent authority of a Convention country for protecting the person of the child.

foreign property protection measure relating to a child means a measure (within the meaning of the Child Protection Convention) taken by a competent authority of a Convention country for appointing, or deciding the powers of, a guardian of the child's property.

non-Convention country means a country for which the Child Protection Convention has not entered into force.

parental responsibility has the same meaning as in the Child Protection Convention.

refugee child means a child:

- (a) who is a refugee; or
- (b) who is internationally displaced due to disturbances occurring in his or her country of habitual residence; or
- (c) whose country of habitual residence cannot be determined.

Territory includes each external Territory.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used:

- (a) in this Division; or
- (b) in regulations made for the purposes of this Division;

have the same meaning as they have in the Child Protection Convention.

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111CB Relationship between this Division and other provisions

- (1) This Division has effect despite the rest of this Act, except sections 69ZK and 111B and the regulations made for the purposes of section 111B.
- (2) This Division, except section 111CZ, has effect subject to sections 69ZK and 111B and the regulations made for the purposes of section 111B.
- (3) Section 111CZ, and regulations made for the purposes of that section, have effect despite section 69ZK.

Subdivision B—Jurisdiction for the person of a child

111CC Application of this Subdivision

This Subdivision applies only if an issue under this Act is whether a court, as opposed to any of the following authorities, has jurisdiction to take measures directed to the protection of the person of a child:

- (a) a central authority or competent authority of a Convention country;
- (b) a competent authority of a non-Convention country.

111CD Jurisdiction relating to the person of a child

- (1) A court may exercise jurisdiction for a Commonwealth personal protection measure only in relation to:
 - (a) a child who is present and habitually resident in Australia; or
 - (b) a child who is present in Australia and habitually resident in a Convention country, if:
 - (i) the child's protection requires taking the measure as a matter of urgency; or
 - (ii) the measure is provisional and limited in its territorial effect to Australia; or
 - (iii) the child is a refugee child; or

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- (iv) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the court by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence; or
- (v) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence agrees to the court assuming jurisdiction; or
- (vi) the court is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (3)); or
- (c) a child who is present in a Convention country, if:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in Australia; or
 - (ii) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside Australia and the court keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention; or
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the court by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge; or
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge agrees to the court assuming jurisdiction; or
 - (v) the child is habitually resident in a Convention country and the court is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (3)); or
- (d) a child who is present in Australia and is a refugee child; or
- (e) a child who is present in a non-Convention country, if:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in Australia; and
 - (ii) any of paragraphs 69E(1)(b) to (e) applies to the child; or
- (f) a child who is present in Australia, if:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in a non-Convention country; and

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- (ii) any of paragraphs 69E(1)(b) to (e) applies to the child.
- (2) A court may only exercise jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) if the measure is not incompatible with a foreign measure already taken by a competent authority of a Convention country under Articles 5 to 10 of the Child Protection Convention.
- (3) A court may only exercise jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph (1)(b)(vi) or (c)(v) for a Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child if:
 - (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in Australia when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph begin; and
 - (b) one or both of the parents have parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the court to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (4) Paragraphs 111CD(1)(a) to (d) are subject to the limitations in sections 111CE, 111CF and 111CH.

111CE Limitation when a child is wrongfully removed from or retained outside a Convention country

A court must not, other than in a case of urgency, exercise jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 111CD(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d) to take a Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child if:

- (a) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside a Convention country; and

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- (b) an authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.

111CF Limitations when prior proceedings pending in a Convention country

- (1) This section applies to the exercise of jurisdiction by a court in accordance with paragraph 111CD(1)(a), subparagraph 111CD(1)(b)(iii), (iv), (v) or (vi) or paragraph 111CD(1)(c) or (d).
- (2) The court must not exercise that jurisdiction to take a Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child if:
- (a) a corresponding measure has been sought from a competent authority of a Convention country at the time of commencement of the proceedings before the court; and
 - (b) any of the following applies:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in the Convention country;
 - (ii) the child is present in the Convention country and is a refugee child;
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the competent authority of the Convention country by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge;
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge agrees to the competent authority of the Convention country assuming jurisdiction;
 - (v) the competent authority of the Convention country is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (3));
 - (vi) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside the Convention country and a competent authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.
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- (3) Subparagraph (2)(b)(v) only applies (subject to subsection (4)) if:
- (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in the Convention country when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph commence; and
 - (b) one or both of the parents has parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the Convention country to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply if the competent authority of the Convention country has declined jurisdiction or is no longer considering taking the measure sought.

111CG If a court is asked to assume jurisdiction

- (1) A court may, if it considers that it is in the child's best interests, accept or reject a request made under Article 8 of the Child Protection Convention by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of a Convention country for the court to assume jurisdiction to take a Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to the child.
- (2) A court may order, or invite the parties to proceedings before the court to ask, the Commonwealth central authority to do both of the following in a way that the Commonwealth central authority considers appropriate:
- (a) to request, under Article 9 of the Child Protection Convention, that a competent authority of a Convention country agree to the court assuming jurisdiction to take a

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Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to the child;

- (b) to report to the court about the outcome of the request.
- (3) The court may only make the order or issue the invitation under subsection (2) if it considers that it is better placed than the competent authority to assess the child's best interests.

111CH Limitation if a competent authority of a Convention country is asked to assume jurisdiction

- (1) The court may order, or invite the parties to proceedings before the court to ask the Commonwealth central authority, in a way the Commonwealth central authority considers appropriate, to request a competent authority described in Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Child Protection Convention:
 - (a) to assume jurisdiction under Article 8 of the Convention for protecting the person of the child; and
 - (b) as the competent authority considers necessary, to take measures to protect the person of the child; and
 - (c) to report to the court about the outcome of the request.
- (2) In addition, the court may make any other order it considers necessary for an order under subsection (1).
- (3) The court may only make the order or issue the invitation under subsection (1) if the court considers that the competent authority is better placed to assess the child's best interests.
- (4) The court may accept or reject a request under Article 9 of the Child Protection Convention made by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of a Convention country described in Article 8, paragraph 2 of the Convention, for the competent authority to assume jurisdiction to take a measure for protecting the person of the child.
- (5) If the competent authority assumes jurisdiction under the request, a court must not exercise jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 111CD(1)(a), subparagraphs 111CD(1)(b)(iii) to (vi), or

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paragraph 111CD(1)(c) or (d), while the competent authority continues to exercise its jurisdiction.

111CI When a certain Commonwealth personal protection measure lapses

- (1) A Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child that is taken by a court exercising jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph 111CD(1)(b)(i) or (ii) lapses if:
 - (a) a foreign personal protection measure relating to the child is taken by a competent authority of a Convention country; and
 - (b) any of the following applies:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in the Convention country;
 - (ii) the child is present in the Convention country and is a refugee child;
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the competent authority of the Convention country by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence;
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence agrees to the competent authority of the Convention country assuming jurisdiction;
 - (v) a competent authority of the Convention country is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (2));
 - (vi) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside the Convention country and a competent authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.
- (2) Subparagraph (1)(b)(v) only applies if:
 - (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in the Convention country when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph are started; and

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- (b) one or both of the parents has parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the Convention country to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (3) A Commonwealth personal protection measure relating to a child that is taken by a court exercising jurisdiction in a case of urgency, or in the taking of a measure of a provisional character, lapses if:
- (a) a measure required by the situation for protecting the person of the child is taken by a competent authority of a non-Convention country; and
 - (b) the measure is registered:
 - (i) in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of section 70G; or
 - (ii) under a law of a State or Territory.

Subdivision C—Jurisdiction for decisions about a guardian of a child's property

111CJ Application of this Subdivision

This Subdivision applies only if an issue under this Act is whether a court, as opposed to any of the following authorities, has jurisdiction to appoint, or determine the powers of, a guardian of a child's property:

- (a) a central authority or competent authority of a Convention country;
- (b) a competent authority of a non-Convention country.

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111CK Jurisdiction to appoint, or determine the powers of, a guardian for a child's property

- (1) A court may exercise jurisdiction for a Commonwealth property protection measure only in relation to:
- (a) a child who is habitually resident in Australia; or
 - (b) a child who is habitually resident in a Convention country, if:
 - (i) the protection of the child's property in Australia requires taking the measure as a matter of urgency; or
 - (ii) the measure is provisional and limited in its territorial effect to property in Australia; or
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the court by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge; or
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge agrees to the court assuming jurisdiction; or
 - (v) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside Australia and the court keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention; or
 - (vi) the court is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (3)); or
 - (c) a child who is present in Australia and is a refugee child; or
 - (d) a child who is present in a non-Convention country, if:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in Australia; and
 - (ii) any of paragraphs 69E(1)(b) to (e) applies to the child; or
 - (e) a child who is present in Australia, if:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in a non-Convention country; and
 - (ii) any of paragraphs 69E(1)(b) to (e) applies to the child.

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- (2) A court may only exercise jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) if the measure is not incompatible with a foreign measure already taken by a competent authority of a Convention country under Articles 5 to 10 of the Child Protection Convention.
- (3) A court may only exercise jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph (1)(b)(vi) for a Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child if:
 - (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in Australia when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph begin; and
 - (b) one or both of the parents have parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the court to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (4) Paragraphs (1)(a) to (c) are subject to the limitations in sections 111CL, 111CM and 111CO.

111CL Limitation when a child is wrongfully removed from or retained outside a Convention country

A court must not, other than in a case of urgency, exercise jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 111CK(1)(a), (b) or (c) to take a Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child if:

- (a) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside a Convention country; and
- (b) an authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.

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111CM Limitations when prior proceedings pending in a Convention country

- (1) This section applies to the exercise of jurisdiction by a court in accordance with paragraph 111CK(1)(a), subparagraph 111CK(1)(b)(iii), (iv), (v) or (vi) or paragraph 111CK(1)(c).
 - (2) The court must not exercise that jurisdiction to take a Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child if:
 - (a) a corresponding measure has been sought from a competent authority of a Convention country at the time of commencement of proceedings before the court; and
 - (b) any of the following applies:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in the Convention country;
 - (ii) the child is present in the Convention country and is a refugee child;
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge;
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence or country of refuge agrees to the competent authority assuming jurisdiction;
 - (v) the competent authority of the Convention country is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (3));
 - (vi) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside the Convention country and a competent authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.
 - (3) Subparagraph (2)(b)(v) only applies (subject to subsection (4)) if:
 - (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in the Convention country when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph are commenced; and
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- (b) one or both of the parents have parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the Convention country to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply if the competent authority of the Convention country has declined jurisdiction or is no longer considering taking the measure sought.

111CN If a court is asked to assume jurisdiction

- (1) A court may, if it considers that it is in the child's best interests, accept or reject a request made under Article 8 of the Child Protection Convention by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of a Convention country for the court to assume jurisdiction to take a Commonwealth property protection measure relating to the child.
- (2) A court may order, or invite the parties to proceedings before the court to ask, the Commonwealth central authority to do both of the following in a way that the Commonwealth central authority considers appropriate:
 - (a) to request, under Article 9 of the Child Protection Convention, that a competent authority of a Convention country agree to the court assuming jurisdiction to take a Commonwealth property protection measure relating to the child;
 - (b) to report to the court about the outcome of the request.

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- (3) The court may only make the order or issue the invitation under subsection (2) if it considers that it is better placed than the competent authority to assess the child's best interests.

111CO Limitation if a competent authority of a Convention country is asked to assume jurisdiction

- (1) The court may order, or invite the parties to proceedings before the court to ask the Commonwealth central authority, in a way the Commonwealth central authority considers appropriate, to request a competent authority described in Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Child Protection Convention:
- (a) to assume jurisdiction under Article 8 of the Convention for appointing, or deciding the powers of, a guardian of the child's property; and
 - (b) as the competent authority considers necessary, to take a measure appointing, or deciding the powers of, a guardian of the child's property; and
 - (c) to report to the court about the outcome of the request.
- (2) In addition, the court may make any other order it considers necessary for an order under subsection (1).
- (3) The court may only make the order or issue the invitation under subsection (1) if the court considers that the competent authority is better placed to assess the child's best interests.
- (4) The court may accept or reject a request under Article 9 of the Child Protection Convention made by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of a Convention country described in Article 8, paragraph 2 of the Convention, for the competent authority to assume jurisdiction to take a measure for the protection of the child's property.
- (5) If the competent authority assumes jurisdiction under the request, a court must not exercise jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 111CK(a) or subparagraphs 111CK(1)(b)(iii) to (vi) or

paragraph 111CK(1)(c), while the competent authority continues to exercise its jurisdiction.

111CP When a certain Commonwealth property protection measure lapses

- (1) A Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child that is taken by a court exercising jurisdiction in accordance with subparagraph 111CK(1)(b)(i) or (ii) lapses if:
 - (a) a foreign property protection measure relating to the child is taken by a competent authority of a Convention country; and
 - (b) any of the following applies:
 - (i) the child is habitually resident in the Convention country;
 - (ii) the child is present in the Convention country and is a refugee child;
 - (iii) a request to assume jurisdiction is made to the competent authority of the Convention country by, or at the invitation of, a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence;
 - (iv) a competent authority of the country of the child's habitual residence agrees to the competent authority of the Convention country assuming jurisdiction;
 - (v) a competent authority of the Convention country is exercising jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage (but see subsection (2));
 - (vi) the child has been wrongfully removed from or retained outside the Convention country and a competent authority of the Convention country keeps jurisdiction under Article 7 of the Child Protection Convention.
- (2) Subparagraph (1)(b)(v) only applies if:
 - (a) one or both of the child's parents are habitually resident in the Convention country when the proceedings referred to in that subparagraph are started; and

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- (b) one or both of the parents have parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (c) the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the Convention country to take the measure is accepted by the parents and each other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
 - (d) the exercise of jurisdiction to take the measure is in the best interests of the child; and
 - (e) the proceedings on the application for divorce or separation of the child's parents or the annulment of their marriage have not been finalised.
- (3) A Commonwealth property protection measure relating to a child that is taken by a court exercising jurisdiction in a case of urgency, or in the taking of a measure of a provisional character, lapses if:
- (a) a measure required by the situation for the appointment, or the determination of the powers, of a guardian for a child's property is taken by a competent authority of a non-Convention country; and
 - (b) the measure is registered:
 - (i) in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of section 70G; or
 - (ii) under a law of a State or Territory.

Subdivision D—Applicable law

111CQ Meaning of *law*

In this Subdivision:

law does not include choice of law rules.

111CR Applicable law generally

- (1) This section applies to a court exercising jurisdiction in accordance with Subdivision B or C.

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- (2) The court must apply the law of Australia in exercising that jurisdiction.
- (3) However, the court may in exceptional circumstances apply or take into account the law of another country with which:
 - (a) a child has a substantial connection; or
 - (b) a child's property is substantially connected;if the court considers the protection of the person of the child, or the child's property, requires the court to do so.
- (4) In subsection (2):

law of Australia means:

 - (a) law in force throughout Australia; or
 - (b) law in force in a part of Australia;and includes the principles and rules of the common law and of equity as so in force.

111CS Applicable law concerning parental responsibility

- (1) The principles set out in this section apply despite anything in this Act.
- (2) The circumstances in which parental responsibility for a child is attributed to a person, or extinguished, by operation of law (without the intervention of a court or appropriate authority) are governed by the law that applies in the country of the child's habitual residence.
- (3) The circumstances in which parental responsibility for a child is attributed to a person, or extinguished, by an agreement or a unilateral act (without the intervention of a court or appropriate authority) are governed by the law that applies in the country of the child's habitual residence when the agreement or act takes effect.
- (4) The exercise of parental responsibility for a child is governed by the law applying in the country of the child's habitual residence.

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- (5) If a child's country of habitual residence changes to another country:
- (a) parental responsibility for the child that exists under the law applying in the country in which the child was habitually resident continues to exist; and
 - (b) the circumstances in which parental responsibility for the child is attributed by operation of law to a person who does not already have such responsibility are governed by the law applying in the country of the new habitual residence; and
 - (c) the exercise of parental responsibility for the child is governed by the law applying in the country of the new habitual residence.
- (6) Despite subsections (2) to (5), if:
- (a) the law that applies because of this section is the law of a non-Convention country; and
 - (b) the choice of law rules of that non-Convention country designate that the law of another non-Convention country applies; and
 - (c) the other non-Convention country would apply its own law; the law of that other non-Convention country applies instead.
- (7) The parental responsibility referred to in subsection (2), (3), (4) or (5) may be ended, or the conditions of its exercise changed, by a measure taken in accordance with section 111CD or 111CK.
- (8) A court need not apply a principle set out in subsection (2), (3), (4) or (5) if, on the application of an interested person, the court considers that doing so would be manifestly contrary to public policy having regard to the best interests of the child concerned.

Subdivision E—Recognition of foreign measures

111CT Effect of registered foreign measures

- (1) This section applies to a foreign measure that is registered in a court in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of section 111CZ.
- (2) The foreign measure:
 - (a) has the same force and effect as a Commonwealth personal protection measure or a Commonwealth property protection measure (as appropriate); and
 - (b) prevails over any earlier inconsistent measure in force in Australia, including:
 - (i) an order registered under section 70D or 70G; or
 - (ii) any other order made, or agreement registered, under this Act.

Subdivision F—Co-operation

111CU Obligation to obtain consent to place child

- (1) A court must obtain the consent of a competent authority of a Convention country before placing a child in a foster family, or in institutional care, in the Convention country.
- (2) Before placing a child, the court may order, or invite the parties to proceedings before the court to ask, the Commonwealth central authority to consult a competent authority of the Convention country concerned.
- (3) If the court orders the Commonwealth central authority to consult, then the court must provide the Commonwealth central authority with a report on the child and the reasons for the proposed placement.

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111CV Obligation to inform competent authority about serious danger to a child

- (1A) This section covers:
- (a) a court; and
 - (b) the Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (ba) a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1); and
 - (bb) a Senior Registrar or Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2); and
 - (c) the Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of a Registry of the Family Court of a State; and
 - (e) a family consultant; and
 - (f) a family counsellor; and
 - (fa) a CCS practitioner; and
 - (g) a family dispute resolution practitioner; and
 - (h) an arbitrator; and
 - (i) the provider of a course, program or service which a person is ordered to participate in under this Act; and
 - (j) a family report writer who is recognised, in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of section 11K, as complying with prescribed standards and requirements.
- (1) A court or person covered by this section must inform a competent authority of another country about any information the court or person may have about any serious danger to a child:
- (a) whose residence has moved from Australia to the other country; or
 - (b) who is present in the other country.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect despite any obligation of confidentiality imposed on the court or a person by this Act, any other law or anything else (including a contract or professional ethics).

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- (3) A person is not liable in civil or criminal proceedings, and is not to be considered to have breached any professional ethics, in respect of the provision of information under subsection (1).
- (4) Evidence of the provision of information under subsection (1) is not admissible in any:
 - (a) court (whether or not exercising jurisdiction under this Act);
or
 - (b) tribunal or other body concerned with professional ethics;
except where that evidence is given by the person who provided the information.

111CW Court proceedings dealing with whom a child spends time with

- (1) A court hearing proceedings under Part VII (Children) or regulations made for the purposes of section 111B dealing with:
 - (a) whom a child is to spend time with; or
 - (b) whom a child is to communicate with;must admit into evidence and consider the findings (if any) of a competent authority of a Convention country on the suitability of a parent as a person for the child to spend time with or communicate with.
- (2) The court may adjourn the proceedings pending the outcome of a request by a parent of the child to a competent authority of a Convention country for a finding on the suitability of the parent as a person for the child to spend time with or communicate with.
- (3) On the application of a parent who is an Australian resident seeking to have, or to continue to have, a child spend time with or communicate with the parent, a court may:
 - (a) admit evidence; and
 - (b) make a finding on the suitability of that parent as a person for the child to spend time with or communicate with; and
 - (c) specify conditions on which the child is to spend time with or communicate with the person.

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111CX Jurisdiction for a location order or a Commonwealth information order

A court may make a location order under section 67M or a Commonwealth information order under section 67N for the purposes of the Child Protection Convention.

111CY Giving information to central authorities and competent authorities in Convention countries

- (1) This section applies to:
 - (a) a court; and
 - (b) the Commonwealth central authority; and
 - (c) central authorities of Australia appointed as mentioned in Article 29, paragraph 2, of the Child Protection Convention; and
 - (d) other competent authorities of Australia.
- (2) If it would be consistent with this Division or the Child Protection Convention to do so, the court or authority may give information to:
 - (a) a court or an authority of Australia to which this section applies; or
 - (b) a central authority or other competent authority of a Convention country.

Subdivision G—Regulations

111CZ Regulations to implement the Convention

- (1) The regulations may make such provision as is necessary or convenient to enable the performance of the obligations of Australia, or to obtain for Australia any advantage or benefit, under the Child Protection Convention.
- (2) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may, in particular:

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- (a) provide that the regulations do not affect the operation of laws of a State or Territory that relate to the implementation of the Child Protection Convention; and
 - (b) provide that specified provisions of the Child Protection Convention have the force of law in Australia; and
 - (c) include a list of Convention countries or territorial units of Convention countries.
- (3) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may:
 - (a) confer jurisdiction on a federal court (other than the High Court) or a court of a Territory; or
 - (b) invest a court of a State with federal jurisdiction.Such jurisdiction is in addition to any other jurisdiction provided for under this Act.
- (4) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3) may make different provision in respect of matters arising in relation to different States or Territories. This subsection does not, by implication, limit subsection 33(3A) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
- (5) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) do not, by implication, limit subsection (1).

Division 5—Other matters

111D Regulations may provide for rules of evidence

- (1) Regulations made for the purposes of Part XIII may make provision in relation to the rules of evidence that are to apply in proceedings under those regulations.
- (2) Such provisions have effect despite any inconsistency with the *Evidence Act 1995* or with any other law about evidence.

Part XIII A—Sanctions for failure to comply with orders, and other obligations, that do not affect children

Division 1—Interpretation

112AA Interpretation

In this Part:

applied provisions, in relation to a sentence passed or an order made pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b), means the provisions of the laws of a State or Territory, as modified by regulations under subsection 112AG(5), that, because of regulations under that subsection, apply in relation to the sentence or order.

court enforceable agreement means:

- (b) so much of a maintenance agreement as a court has, pursuant to paragraph 87(11)(c), ordered may be enforced as if it were an order of the court; or
- (c) a maintenance agreement registered in a court under subsection 86(1), or deemed, by subsection 87(6), to be registered in a court.

maintenance order, in relation to a court, means an order made by the court under this Act that deals with the maintenance of a person other than a child.

order under this Act, in relation to a court, means:

- (a) an order (however described) made by the court under this Act (other than a parenting order); or
- (b) an injunction granted by the court under section 90SS or 114 except in so far as the injunction is for the protection of a child; or

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- (c) an undertaking given to, and accepted by, the court in proceedings under this Act other than proceedings that relate wholly or partly to, or to the making of, a parenting order; or
 - (d) a subpoena issued under the applicable Rules of Court in proceedings under this Act other than a subpoena issued in, and so issued to a party to, proceedings that relate wholly or partly to, or to the making of, a parenting order; or
 - (e) a court enforceable agreement; or
 - (f) a bond:
 - (i) entered into under an order of a court under this Act other than an order under Division 13A of Part VII; or
 - (ii) entered into for the purposes of subsection 112AE(5);
- and includes an order, injunction, agreement or bond that:
- (g) is an order under this Act made by another court because of paragraph (a), (b), (e) or (f); and
 - (h) has been registered in the first-mentioned court.

112AB Meaning of *contravene an order*

- (1) A person shall be taken for the purposes of this Part to have contravened an order under this Act if, and only if:
 - (a) where the person is bound by the order—he or she has:
 - (i) intentionally failed to comply with the order; or
 - (ii) made no reasonable attempt to comply with the order; or
 - (b) in any other case—he or she has:
 - (i) intentionally prevented compliance with the order by a person who is bound by it; or
 - (ii) aided or abetted a contravention of the order by a person who is bound by it.

112AC Meaning of *reasonable excuse for contravening an order*

- (1) The circumstances in which a person may be taken to have had, for the purposes of this Part, a reasonable excuse for contravening an

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order under this Act include, but are not limited to, the
circumstances set out in subsection (2).

- (2) A person (in this subsection called the *respondent*) shall be taken to have had a reasonable excuse for contravening an order under this Act if:
- (a) the respondent contravened the order because, or substantially because, he or she did not, at the time of the contravention, understand the obligations imposed by the order on the person who was bound by it; and
 - (b) the court is satisfied that the respondent ought to be excused in respect of the contravention.

Division 2—Sanctions for failure to comply with orders

112AD Sanctions for failure to comply with orders

- (1) If a court having jurisdiction under this Act is satisfied that a person has, without reasonable excuse, contravened an order under this Act, the court may make an order for the imposing, in respect of the person, of one or more of the sanctions available to be imposed under subsection (2), being a sanction or sanctions that the court considers to be the most appropriate in the circumstances.
- (1A) The power given to the court under subsection (1) in respect of a contravention of a maintenance order applies even if the order has been complied with before the matter of the contravention comes before the court.
- (2) The sanctions that are available to be imposed by the court are:
 - (a) to require the person to enter into a bond in accordance with section 112AF; or
 - (b) to impose a sentence by order on the person, or make an order directed to the person, in accordance with section 112AG; or
 - (c) to fine the person not more than 60 penalty units; or
 - (d) subject to subsection (2A), to impose a sentence of imprisonment on the person in accordance with section 112AE.
- (2A) The court must not impose a sentence of imprisonment on the person under paragraph (2)(d) in respect of a contravention of a maintenance order unless the court is satisfied that the contravention was intentional or fraudulent.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may be expressed to take effect immediately, or at the end of a specified period or on the occurrence of a specified event.

- (4) Where a court makes an order under subsection (1), the court may make such other orders as the court considers necessary to ensure compliance with the order that was contravened.

112AE Sentences of imprisonment

- (1) A sentence of imprisonment imposed on a person pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(d) shall be expressed to be:
- (a) for a specified period of 12 months or less; or
 - (b) for a period ending when the person:
 - (i) complies with the order concerned; or
 - (ii) has been imprisoned pursuant to the sentence for 12 months or such lesser period as is specified by the court; whichever happens first.
- (2) A court shall not sentence a person to imprisonment pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(d) unless the court is satisfied that, in all the circumstances of the case, it would not be appropriate for the court to deal with the contravention pursuant to any of the other paragraphs of subsection 112AD(2).
- (3) If a court sentences a person to imprisonment pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(d), the court shall:
- (a) state the reasons why it is satisfied as mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (b) cause those reasons to be entered in the records of the court.
- (4) The failure of a court to comply with subsection (3) does not invalidate a sentence.
- (4A) A court that sentences a person to imprisonment under paragraph 112AD(2)(d) may:
- (a) suspend the sentence upon the terms and conditions determined by the court; and
 - (b) terminate a suspension made under paragraph (a).
- (5) A court, when sentencing a person to imprisonment under paragraph 112AD(2)(d) may, if it considers it appropriate to do so,

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direct that the person be released upon the person entering into a bond described in subsection (6) after he or she has served a specified part of the term of imprisonment.

- (6) A bond for the purposes of subsection (5) is a bond (with or without surety or security) that the person will be of good behaviour for a specified period of up to 2 years.
- (7) Without limiting the circumstances in which a court may discharge an order under section 112AK, a court that has sentenced a person to imprisonment for a period expressed as provided by paragraph (1)(b) may order the release of the person if it is satisfied that the person will, if he or she is released, comply with the order concerned.
- (8) To avoid doubt, the serving by a person of a period of imprisonment under a sentence imposed on the person under paragraph 112AD(2)(d) for a failure to make a payment under a maintenance order does not affect the person's liability to make the payment.

112AF Bonds

- (1) This section provides for bonds that a court may require a person to enter into under paragraph 112AD(2)(a).
- (2) A bond is to be for a specified period of up to 2 years.
- (3) A bond may be:
 - (a) with or without surety; and
 - (b) with or without security.
- (4) The conditions that may be imposed on a person by a bond include a condition requiring the person to be of good behaviour.
- (5) If a court proposes to require a person to enter into a bond, it must, before making the requirement, explain to the person, in language likely to be readily understood by the person:
 - (a) the purpose and effect of the proposed requirement; and

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- (b) the consequences that may follow if the person fails:
 - (i) to enter into the bond; or
 - (ii) having entered into the bond—to act in accordance with the bond.

112AG Additional sentencing alternatives

- (1) Subject to this section, where:
 - (a) under the law of a participating State or a participating Territory, a court is empowered (whether generally or in particular cases) to impose a sentence by order or make an order of a kind to which subsection (3) applies in respect of a person convicted of an offence against the law of the State or Territory; and
 - (b) an arrangement under section 112AN in respect of the State or Territory makes provision for and in relation to the carrying out of sentences imposed, or orders made, of that kind under this Division;a court exercising jurisdiction in the State or Territory may, pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b), impose a sentence or make an order of that kind.
- (2) A sentence imposed on a person, or an order directed to a person, pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b):
 - (a) shall be such that the total number of hours during which the sentence or order regulates the conduct of the person does not exceed the maximum period in relation to the State or Territory in which the sentence is imposed or the order is made; and
 - (b) ceases to have effect 2 years after it was made, or after such lesser period as is specified in the order.
- (3) This subsection applies to sentences or orders of the following kinds:
 - (a) a sentence or order known as:
 - (i) a community service order;
 - (ii) a work order;

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- (iii) a sentence of periodic detention;
 - (iv) an attendance centre order;
 - (v) a sentence of weekend detention;
 - (vi) an attendance order; or
 - (vii) a community based order;
 - (b) a sentence or order that is similar to a sentence or order referred to in paragraph (a);
 - (c) a sentence or order prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (4) Where a court proposes to impose a sentence on a person, or make an order directed to a person, pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b), it shall, before doing so, explain or cause to be explained to the person, in language likely to be readily understood by the person:
- (a) the purpose and effect of the proposed sentence or order;
 - (b) the consequences that may follow if the person fails to comply with the proposed sentence or order or with any requirements made in relation to the proposed sentence or order by or under the applied provisions; and
 - (c) if the proposed sentence or order may be revoked or varied under the applied provisions—that the proposed sentence or order may be so revoked or varied.
- (5) Where a court exercising jurisdiction under section 112AD in a particular State or Territory imposes a sentence or makes an order pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b), the provisions of the laws of the State or Territory with respect to a sentence or order of that kind that is imposed or made under those laws shall, to the extent provided by the regulations and subject to such modifications as are specified in the regulations, apply in relation to the sentence or order.
- (6) In this section:
- maximum period***, in relation to a State or Territory, means 500 hours or such lesser period as is prescribed in relation to the State or Territory.

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participating State means a State in relation to which an agreement under section 112AN is in force.

participating Territory means a Territory in relation to which an agreement under section 112AN is in force.

112AH Failure to comply with sentence passed, or order made, pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b)

- (1) This section applies where a court has, pursuant to paragraph 112AD(2)(b):
 - (a) imposed a sentence on a person; or
 - (b) made an order directed to a person.
- (2) If the court (whether or not constituted by the judge or magistrate who imposed the sentence or made the order) is satisfied that the person has, without reasonable excuse, failed to comply with:
 - (a) the sentence or order; or
 - (b) any requirements made in relation to the sentence or order by or under the applied provisions;the court may take action under subsection (8).
- (8) The court may:
 - (a) without prejudice to the continuance of the sentence or order, impose a fine not exceeding 10 penalty units on the person; or
 - (b) revoke the sentence or order and, subject to subsection (9), deal with the person, for the contravention in respect of which the sentence was passed or the order was made, in any manner in which he or she could have been dealt with for that contravention if:
 - (i) the sentence had not been imposed, or the order had not been made; and
 - (ii) the person was before the court under section 112AD in respect of the contravention.

Note: For the value of a penalty unit, see subsection 4AA(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914*.

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- (9) In dealing with the person as mentioned in paragraph (8)(b), the court shall, in addition to any other matters that it considers should be taken into account, take into account:
- (a) the fact that the sentence was imposed or the order was made;
 - (b) anything done under the sentence or order; and
 - (c) any fine imposed, and any other order made, for or in respect of the contravention.

112AK Variation and discharge of orders

- (1) Subject to this section, an order made under section 112AD may be varied or discharged by the court that made the order or the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.
- (2) A variation of an order under section 112AD shall be such that the order, as varied, is an order that could have been made under that section in respect of the contravention in respect of which the first-mentioned order was made.
- (3) If a court discharges an order under section 112AD it may, subject to this Division, make another order under that section in respect of the contravention in respect of which the first-mentioned order was made.
- (4) Where a court varies or discharges an order made under section 112AD, the court may give such directions as to the effect of the variation or discharge as the court considers appropriate.

112AM Relationship between Division and other laws

- (1) This section applies where an act or omission by a person:
 - (a) constitutes a contravention of an order under this Act; and
 - (b) is also an offence against any law.
- (2) If the person is prosecuted in respect of the offence, a court in which proceedings have been brought under section 112AD in respect of the contravention of the order shall either:

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- (a) adjourn those proceedings until the prosecution has been completed; or
 - (b) dismiss those proceedings.
- (3) The person may be prosecuted for, and convicted of, the offence.
- (4) Nothing in this section renders the person liable to be punished twice in respect of the same act or omission.

112AN Arrangements with States and Territories for carrying out of sentences and orders

- (1) The Governor-General may make arrangements with the relevant authority of a State or a Territory (other than Norfolk Island) for:
 - (a) the exercise of powers, and the performance of functions, by officers of the State or Territory; and
 - (b) the making available of facilities of the State or Territory; for and in relation to the carrying out of sentences imposed, and orders made, under this Division.
- (2) In this section:
relevant authority means:
 - (a) in relation to a State—the Governor of the State;
 - (b) in relation to the Australian Capital Territory—the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory;
 - (c) in relation to the Northern Territory—the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

112AO Division does not limit operation of section 105

Nothing in this Division is intended to limit the operation of section 105.

Part XIIIIB—Contempt of court

112AP Contempt

- (1) Subject to subsection (1A), this section applies to a contempt of a court that:
 - (a) does not constitute a contravention of an order under this Act; or
 - (b) constitutes a contravention of an order under this Act and involves a flagrant challenge to the authority of the court.
- (1A) This section does not apply to a contempt that constitutes a contravention of a maintenance order if the order has been complied with before the matter of the contravention comes before the court.
- (2) In spite of any other law, a court having jurisdiction under this Act may punish a person for contempt of that court.
- (3) The applicable Rules of Court may provide for practice and procedure as to charging with contempt and the hearing of the charge.
- (4) Where a natural person is in contempt, the court may punish the contempt by committal to prison or fine or both.
- (5) Where a corporation is in contempt, the court may punish the contempt by sequestration or fine or both.
- (6) The court may make an order for:
 - (a) punishment on terms;
 - (b) suspension of punishment; or
 - (c) the giving of security for good behaviour.
- (7) Where a person is committed to prison for a term for contempt, the court may order the person's discharge before the expiry of that term.

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- (8) To avoid doubt, the serving by a person of a period of imprisonment as a result of a contempt of a court arising out of a failure by the person to make a payment in respect of the maintenance of another person does not affect the first-mentioned person's liability to make the payment.

- (9) In this section:

order under this Act means a child-related order or an order under this Act within the meaning of Part XIII A.

Part XIV—Declarations and injunctions

112A Interpretation

In this Part, *marriage* includes a void marriage.

113 Proceedings for declarations

In proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of *matrimonial cause* in subsection 4(1), the court may make such declaration as is justified.

114 Injunctions

- (1) In proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of *matrimonial cause* in subsection 4(1), the court may make such order or grant such injunction as it considers proper with respect to the matter to which the proceedings relate, including:
 - (a) an injunction for the personal protection of a party to the marriage;
 - (b) an injunction restraining a party to the marriage from entering or remaining in the matrimonial home or the premises in which the other party to the marriage resides, or restraining a party to the marriage from entering or remaining in a specified area, being an area in which the matrimonial home is, or the premises in which the other party to the marriage resides are, situated;
 - (c) an injunction restraining a party to the marriage from entering the place of work of the other party to the marriage;
 - (d) an injunction for the protection of the marital relationship;
 - (e) an injunction in relation to the property of a party to the marriage; or
 - (f) an injunction relating to the use or occupancy of the matrimonial home.

- (2A) In a de facto financial cause (other than proceedings referred to in, or relating to, paragraph (e) or (f) of the definition of *de facto financial cause* in subsection 4(1)) the court may:
- (a) make such order or grant such injunction as it considers proper with respect to the use or occupancy of a specified residence of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them; and
 - (b) if it makes an order or grants an injunction under paragraph (a)—make such order or grant such injunction as it considers proper with respect to restraining a party to the de facto relationship from entering or remaining in:
 - (i) that residence; or
 - (ii) a specified area in which that residence is situated; and
 - (c) make such order or grant such injunction as it considers proper with respect to the property of the parties to the de facto relationship or either of them.

Sections 90SB and 90SK apply in relation to an order or injunction under this subsection in a corresponding way to the way in which those sections apply in relation to an order under section 90SM.

Note 1: This subsection does not apply to proceedings referred to in paragraph (g) of the definition of *de facto financial cause* that relate to proceedings referred to in paragraph (e) or (f) of that definition.

Note 2: The same requirements in sections 90SB (length of relationship etc.) and 90SK (geographical requirements) for section 90SM orders must be satisfied for orders and injunctions under this subsection.

- (3) A court exercising jurisdiction under this Act in proceedings other than proceedings to which subsection (1) applies may grant an injunction, by interlocutory order or otherwise (including an injunction in aid of the enforcement of a decree), in any case in which it appears to the court to be just or convenient to do so and either unconditionally or upon such terms and conditions as the court considers appropriate.
- (4) If a party to a marriage is a bankrupt, a court may, on the application of the other party to the marriage, by interlocutory order, grant an injunction under subsection (3) restraining the

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bankruptcy trustee from declaring and distributing dividends amongst the bankrupt's creditors.

- (5) Subsection (4) does not limit subsection (3).
- (6) If a party to a marriage is a debtor subject to a personal insolvency agreement, a court may, on the application of the other party to the marriage, by interlocutory order, grant an injunction under subsection (3) restraining the trustee of the agreement from disposing of (whether by sale, gift or otherwise) property subject to the agreement.
- (7) Subsection (6) does not limit subsection (3).

114AA Powers of arrest

- (1) Where:
 - (a) an injunction is in force under section 114 for the personal protection of a person; and
 - (b) a police officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that the person against whom the injunction is directed (in this section called the *respondent*) has, since the injunction was granted, breached the injunction by:
 - (i) causing, or threatening to cause, bodily harm to the person referred to in paragraph (a); or
 - (ii) harassing, molesting or stalking that person;the police officer may arrest the respondent without warrant.

Note: Section 122AA authorises the use of reasonable force in making an arrest.

- (3) Where a police officer arrests a person pursuant to subsection (1):
 - (a) the police officer shall:
 - (i) ensure that the person is brought before the court that granted the injunction, or another court having jurisdiction under this Act, before the expiration of the relevant period; and
 - (ii) take all reasonable steps to ensure that, before the person is so brought before a court, the person on whose

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application the injunction under section 114 was granted is aware that the first-mentioned person has been arrested and of the court before which the person is to be brought; and

- (b) the person shall not be released before the expiration of the relevant period except pursuant to an order of the court that granted the injunction or another court having jurisdiction under this Act;

but nothing in this subsection authorises the keeping of the person in custody after the expiration of the relevant period.

- (4) Where a person is brought before a court in accordance with subsection (3), the court shall:
 - (a) if there is an application before the court for the person to be dealt with for breach of the injunction—forthwith proceed to hear and determine that application; or
 - (b) if there is no application before the court as mentioned in paragraph (a)—order that the person be released forthwith.
- (5) Where:
 - (a) a person is brought before a court in accordance with subsection (3);
 - (b) the court proceeds to hear and determine an application for the person to be dealt with for breach of an injunction as mentioned in paragraph (4)(a); and
 - (c) at the expiration of the relevant period the proceedings have not been determined;the person may be kept in custody after the expiration of the relevant period until:
 - (d) the court gives its decision on the proceedings;
 - (e) the court orders that the person be released; or
 - (f) the court adjourns the hearing for a period of more than 24 hours;whichever happens first.

- (7) In this section:

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relevant period, in relation to a person's arrest, means the period starting when the person is arrested and ending at the close of business on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

114AB Operation of State and Territory laws

- (1) Sections 68B, 68C, 114 and 114AA are not intended to exclude or limit the operation of a prescribed law of a State or Territory that is capable of operating concurrently with those sections.
- (2) Where a person has instituted a proceeding or taken any other action under a prescribed law of a State or Territory in respect of a matter in respect of which the person would, but for this subsection, have been entitled to institute a proceeding under section 68B or 114, the person is not entitled to institute a proceeding under section 68B or 114 in respect of that matter, unless:
 - (a) where the person instituted a proceeding:
 - (i) the proceeding has lapsed, been discontinued, or been dismissed; or
 - (ii) the orders (if any) made as a result of the institution of the proceeding have been set aside or are no longer in force; and
 - (b) where the person took other action—neither that person nor any other person is required, at the time that the person institutes a proceeding under section 68B or 114, to do an act, or to refrain from doing an act.

Part XIVA—The Australian Institute of Family Studies

114A Interpretation

In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

Director means the Director of the Institute.

Institute means the Australian Institute of Family Studies established by this Part.

114B Establishment of Institute

(1) There is established by this Part an Institute by the name of the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

(1A) There is to be a Director of the Institute.

(1B) The Institute consists of:

- (a) the Director; and
- (b) the staff referred to in section 114M.

Note: The Institute does not have a legal identity separate from the Commonwealth.

(1C) For the purposes of the finance law (within the meaning of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*):

- (a) the Institute is a listed entity; and
- (b) the Director is the accountable authority of the Institute; and
- (c) the persons referred to in subsection (1B) are officials of the Institute; and
- (d) the purposes of the Institute include:
 - (i) the functions of the Director referred to in subsection (2); and
 - (ii) the function of the Institute referred to in subsection (2A).

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- (2) The functions of the Director are:
 - (a) to promote, by the conduct, encouragement and co-ordination of research and other appropriate means, the identification of, and development of understanding of, the factors affecting marital and family stability in Australia, with the object of promoting the protection of the family as the natural and fundamental group unit in society; and
 - (b) to advise and assist the Minister in relation to the making of grants, and with the approval of the Minister to make grants, out of moneys available under appropriations made by the Parliament, for purposes related to the functions of the Institute and the supervising of the employment of grants so made.
- (2A) The function of the Institute (other than the Director) is to assist the Director in the performance of his or her functions.
- (3) The Minister may:
 - (a) request the Director to arrange for the Institute to engage in a particular activity (whether research or otherwise) in relation to a particular matter that is within the functions of the Institute; and
 - (b) after consultation with the Director, specify the priority that is to be given to the activity.

114C Minister may give directions to Director

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may, by legislative instrument, give directions to the Director as to the performance of his or her functions.
- (2) Directions given by the Minister under subsection (1) must be of a general nature only.
- (3) The Director must comply with any direction given by the Minister under subsection (1).

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114D Appointment of Director

- (1) The Director is to be appointed by the Minister by written instrument.

Note: The Director is eligible for reappointment: see section 33AA of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

- (2) The Director is to be appointed on a full-time basis.

114E Term of appointment

The Director holds office for the period specified in the instrument of appointment. The period must not exceed 5 years.

114F Acting appointments

The Minister may appoint a person to act as the Director:

- (a) during a vacancy in the office of Director, whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office; or
- (b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Director is absent from duty or from Australia, or is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

Note: For rules that apply to acting appointments, see section 33A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

114G Director's remuneration

- (1) The Director is to be paid the remuneration that is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. If no determination of that remuneration by the Tribunal is in operation, the Director is to be paid the remuneration that is prescribed.
- (2) The Director is to be paid the allowances that are prescribed.
- (3) This section has effect subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

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114H Outside employment

The Director must not engage in paid employment outside the duties of the Director's office without the Minister's approval.

114J Leave of absence

- (1) The Director has the recreation leave entitlements that are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (2) The Minister may grant the Director leave of absence, other than recreation leave, on the terms and conditions as to remuneration or otherwise that the Minister determines.

114L Other terms and conditions

The Director holds office on the terms and conditions (if any) in relation to matters not covered by this Act that are determined by the Minister.

114LA Resignation

- (1) The Director may resign his or her appointment by giving the Minister a written resignation.
- (2) The resignation takes effect on the day it is received by the Minister or, if a later day is specified in the resignation, on that later day.

114LB Termination of appointment

- (1) The Minister may terminate the appointment of the Director for misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity.
- (2) The Minister may terminate the appointment of the Director if:
 - (a) the Director:
 - (i) becomes bankrupt; or
 - (ii) applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

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- (iii) compounds with his or her creditors; or
- (iv) makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for the benefit of his or her creditors; or
- (b) the Director is absent, except on leave of absence, without reasonable excuse; or
- (c) the Director fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 114H (outside employment); or
- (d) the Director fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (which deals with the duty to disclose interests) or rules made for the purposes of that section.

114LD Delegation

- (1) The Director may delegate all or any of his or her functions or powers under this Part to an SES employee, or an acting SES employee, of the Institute. The delegation must be in writing.

Note: For other powers of delegation, see section 110 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and section 78 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

- (2) In performing a delegated function or exercising a delegated power, a delegate must comply with any written directions of the Director.

114M Staff

- (1) The staff of the Institute are to be persons engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999*.
- (2) For the purposes of the *Public Service Act 1999*:
 - (a) the Director and the APS employees assisting the Director together constitute a Statutory Agency; and
 - (b) the Director is the Head of that Statutory Agency.
- (3) The Director may, with the approval of the Minister, engage persons to assist the Institute as consultants or otherwise.

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- (4) The terms and conditions of engagement of persons under subsection (3) are as determined by the Director from time to time.

Part XIVB—Restriction on communication of accounts and lists of proceedings

114N Simplified outline of this Part

It is an offence to communicate an account of proceedings under this Act to the public, if the account identifies certain people involved in the proceedings.

It is an offence to communicate a list of proceedings that are to be dealt with under this Act to the public, and that are identified by reference to the names of the parties to those proceedings.

A communication is not made to the public if the communication is made to a person with a significant and legitimate interest in the subject matter of the communication that is greater than the interest of members of the public generally.

114P Meaning of terms used in this Part

(1) In this Part:

communicate means communicate by any means, including by any of the following:

- (a) publication in a book, newspaper, magazine or other written publication;
- (b) broadcast by radio or television;
- (c) public exhibition;
- (d) broadcast or publication or other communication by means of the internet.

Example: For the purposes of paragraph (d), online communications and communications using a social media service.

proceedings includes a part of proceedings.

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- (2) In this Part (other than paragraph 114S(1)(b)):

public includes a section of the public.

114Q Indictable offence—communication to the public of account of proceedings that identifies parties or others involved in proceedings

- (1) A person commits an indictable offence if:
- (a) the person communicates to the public an account of proceedings under this Act; and
 - (b) the account identifies:
 - (i) a party to the proceedings; or
 - (ii) a witness in the proceedings; or
 - (iii) a person who is related to, or is associated with, a party to the proceedings; or
 - (iv) a person who is, or is alleged to be, in any other way concerned in the matter to which the proceedings relate.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 1 year.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the communication is:
- (a) in accordance with a direction of a court; or
 - (b) otherwise approved by a court.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matters in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), an account of proceedings is taken to identify a person if the account includes material that is sufficient to identify the person to a member of the public. Examples of such material might include the following:
- (a) a picture, recording, or physical description of the person;
 - (b) a name or title that identifies the person;
 - (c) an address or location where the person resides or works;
 - (d) details of the person's employment, paid or voluntary;
 - (e) the relationship or other connection between the person and an identified person or business;

- (f) the person's political, philosophical or religious beliefs;
- (g) any real or personal property associated with the person.

Note: Paragraphs (a) to (g) are examples of material that might be sufficient to identify a person to a member of the public. The examples are not exhaustive (see section 15AD of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*) and might not be sufficient to identify a person in every circumstance.

114R Indictable offence—communication to the public of list of court etc. proceedings that refers to names of parties

- (1) A person commits an indictable offence if the person communicates to the public a list of proceedings, identified by reference to the names of the parties to the proceedings, that are to be dealt with by any of the following under this Act:
- (a) a court;
 - (b) an officer of a court investigating or dealing with a matter in accordance with this Act, the regulations or the applicable Rules of Court;
 - (c) a tribunal established by or under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 1 year.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if:
- (a) the communication is the publication, by the court, officer or tribunal, of a list of proceedings the court, officer or tribunal is to deal with; or
 - (b) the communication is:
 - (i) in accordance with a direction of a court or otherwise approved by a court; or
 - (ii) in accordance with the applicable Rules of Court.

Example: For the purposes of paragraph (a), a list of proceedings a court is to deal with that is published by the court at the court's premises.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matters in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

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114S When a communication is not a communication to the public

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 114Q(1)(a) and subsection 114R(1), a communication to a person or body is not a communication to the public if:
- (a) the person or body has a significant and legitimate interest in the subject matter of the communication; and
 - (b) that interest is substantially greater than, or different from, the interests of members of the public generally.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matters in this subsection (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), none of the following is a communication to the public:
- (a) a private communication between a party to proceedings and one or more persons who are members of the party's family or friends of the party;
 - (b) a communication of a pleading, transcript of evidence, or other document for use in connection with any of the following proceedings, to a person concerned in those proceedings:
 - (i) proceedings in a court;
 - (ii) proceedings before an officer of a court investigating or dealing with a matter in accordance with this Act, the regulations or the applicable Rules of Court;
 - (iii) proceedings in a tribunal established by or under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory;
 - (c) a communication of a pleading, transcript of evidence, or other document, to a prescribed authority of a State or Territory that has responsibilities relating to the welfare of children;
 - (d) a communication of a pleading, transcript of evidence, or other document, to:
 - (i) a body that is responsible for disciplining members of a profession in a State or Territory; or

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- (ii) a person concerned in disciplinary proceedings against a member of a profession in a State or Territory (being proceedings before a body that is responsible for disciplining members of that profession in that State or Territory);
- (e) a communication of a pleading, transcript of evidence, or other document, to a body that grants assistance by way of legal aid for the purpose of facilitating a decision as to whether assistance by way of legal aid should be granted, continued or provided in a particular case;
- (f) a communication of material intended primarily for use by the members of any profession (being part of a series of law reports or any other publication of a technical character);
- (g) a communication of an account of proceedings to a member of a profession in connection with:
 - (i) the person's practice of that profession; or
 - (ii) any form of professional training in which that person is involved;
- (h) a communication of an account of proceedings to a student in connection with the student's studies.

114T Consent of Director of Prosecutions required to commence proceedings

Proceedings for an offence against subsection 114Q(1) or 114R(1) must not be commenced without the written consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Part XIVC—Costs

114UA Definitions

In this Part:

costs order means an order made under subsection 114UB(2).

114UB Costs orders—general

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, subsection 102QAB(6) and sections 114UD and 114UE, each party to proceedings under this Act is to bear the party's own costs.
- (2) If, in proceedings under this Act, the court is of the opinion that there are circumstances that justify it in doing so, the court may, subject to subsection (3) of this section, sections 114UC and 114UD and the applicable Rules of Court, make any order for costs and security for costs that the court considers just, whether by way of interlocutory order or otherwise.

Note 1: For other provisions about the award of costs by the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), see paragraphs 69(4)(d) and (e) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021*.

Note 2: For other provisions about the award of costs by the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), see paragraphs 192(4)(d) and (e) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021*.

Note 3: See also subsections 96(4) to (6) of this Act.

- (3) In considering what costs order (if any) should be made, the court must have regard to the following:
 - (a) the financial circumstances of each party to the proceedings;
 - (b) whether any party to the proceedings is receiving assistance by way of legal aid in respect of the proceedings and, if so, the terms of the grant of the assistance to that party;

- (c) the conduct of the parties to the proceedings in relation to the proceedings including, without limiting paragraphs (a) and (b), the conduct of the parties in relation to pleadings, particulars, discovery, inspection, directions to answer questions, admissions of facts, production of documents and similar matters, and in relation to their duty of disclosure under subsection 71B(1), 90RI(1) or 90YJA(1);
 - (d) whether the proceedings were necessitated by the failure of a party to the proceedings to comply with previous orders of the court;
 - (e) whether any party to the proceedings has been wholly unsuccessful in the proceedings;
 - (f) whether a party to the proceedings has made an offer in writing to the other party to the proceedings to settle the proceedings and the terms of any such offer;
 - (g) such other matters as the court considers relevant.
- (4) A party to the proceedings may make an application for costs:
- (a) at any stage during the proceedings; or
 - (b) within 28 days after the final order in the proceedings is made.
- (5) The court may order that a party is entitled to costs:
- (a) of a specific amount; or
 - (b) as assessed on a particular basis (for example, party and party, solicitor and client or indemnity); or
 - (c) to be calculated in accordance with the method stated in the order; or
 - (d) for part of the proceedings, or part of an amount assessed in accordance with the applicable Rules of Court.
- (6) If the court makes a costs order but does not specify the method for the calculation of the costs, the costs are to be assessed on a party and party basis.
- (7) Subject to subsection (3), the court may make a costs order in favour of, or against, a party to the proceedings regardless of the degree to which the party has been successful in the proceedings.
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114UC Costs of independent children's lawyer and limitations on costs relating to intervening officer or litigation guardian etc.

- (1) In proceedings in which an independent children's lawyer for a child has been appointed, the court may make a costs order, whether by way of interlocutory order or otherwise, to the effect that each party to the proceedings bears, in such proportion as the court considers just, the costs of the independent children's lawyer in relation to the proceedings.
- (2) However, if:
 - (a) a party to the proceedings is receiving assistance by way of legal aid in respect of the proceedings; or
 - (b) the court considers that a party to the proceedings would suffer financial hardship if the party had to bear a proportion of the costs of the independent children's lawyer;the court must not make a costs order against that party in relation to the costs of the independent children's lawyer.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), assistance by way of legal aid does not include assistance provided to a party in accordance with a Commonwealth scheme operating for the purpose of applying the requirements of subsection 102NA(2).

Funding of independent children's lawyer not to affect costs order

- (4) In considering what costs order (if any) should be made under subsection (1) in proceedings in which an independent children's lawyer has been appointed, the court must disregard the fact that the independent children's lawyer is funded under a legal aid scheme or service:
 - (a) established under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory; or
 - (b) approved by the Attorney-General.

Limit on costs orders relating to intervention under section 91B

- (5) If:
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- (a) under section 91B, an officer intervenes in proceedings; and
 - (b) the officer acts in good faith in relation to the proceedings;
- the court must not, because of the intervention, make a costs order against the officer, or against an entity (including the Commonwealth or a State or Territory) by or on behalf of whom the officer was engaged or employed.

Limit on costs orders against litigation guardian or manager of affairs of party

- (6) If a person has been appointed as a litigation guardian for a party, or a manager of the affairs of a party, to proceedings, the court must not make a costs order against the person unless the court is satisfied that one or more acts or omissions of the person relating to the proceedings are unreasonable or have delayed the proceedings unreasonably.

114UD Costs in proceedings relating to overseas enforcement and international Conventions

- (1) In proceedings under regulations made for the purposes of Part XIII¹AA, the court may only make a costs order (other than orders as to security for costs):
 - (a) in favour of a party who has been substantially successful in the proceedings; and
 - (b) against a person or body who holds or held an office or appointment under those regulations and is a party to the proceedings in that capacity.

Note: For another case where the court may also make a costs order, see subsection (3).

- (2) However, a costs order may only be made in respect of a part of the proceedings if, during that part, the party against whom the order is to be made asserted a meaning or operation of this Act or those regulations that the court considers:
 - (a) is not reasonable given the terms of the Act or regulations; or

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- (b) is not convenient to give effect to Australia's obligations under the Convention concerned, or to obtain for Australia the benefits of that Convention.
- (3) In proceedings under regulations made for the purposes of section 111B, the court may also make a costs order that is:
 - (a) against a party who has wrongfully removed or retained a child, or wrongfully prevented the exercise of rights of access (within the meaning of the Convention referred to in that section) to a child; and
 - (b) in respect of the necessary expenses incurred by the person who made the application, under that Convention, concerning the child.

114UE Security for costs

Despite section 114UB, a court must not make an order for security for costs in a proceeding involving a Convention country that is listed in Schedule 4A to the regulations.

Part XV—Miscellaneous

115 Family Law Council

- (1) The Attorney-General may establish a Family Law Council consisting of persons appointed by the Attorney-General in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) The Council shall consist of a Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and such other judges, persons appointed or engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999*, officers of the Public Service of a State, family counsellors, family dispute resolution practitioners and other persons as the Attorney-General thinks fit.
- (3) It is the function of the Council to advise and make recommendations to the Attorney-General, either of its own motion or upon request made to it by the Attorney-General, concerning:
 - (a) the working of this Act and other legislation relating to family law;
 - (b) the working of legal aid in relation to family law; and
 - (c) any other matters relating to family law.
- (4) The Attorney-General shall appoint one of its members to be Chairperson of the Council.
- (5) A member of the Council shall be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal, but, if no determination of that remuneration by the Tribunal is in operation, the member shall be paid such remuneration as is prescribed.
- (5A) A member of the Council shall be paid such allowances as are prescribed.
- (5B) Subsections (5) and (5A) have effect subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

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- (5C) Subject to this section, a member of the Council holds office for such period, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the instrument of appointment, but is eligible for re-appointment.
- (6) A member (including the Chairperson) may resign by writing signed and delivered to the Attorney-General.
- (6A) The Attorney-General may terminate the appointment of a member by reason of the misbehaviour, or physical or mental incapacity, of the member.
- (6B) If a member becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit, the Attorney-General shall terminate the appointment of that member.
- (7) Meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Chairperson or the Attorney-General.
- (8) The Council shall cause records to be kept of its meetings.
- (9) The Council shall, as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, prepare and furnish to the Attorney-General a report of the operations of the Council during the year that ended on that 30 June.
- (10) The Attorney-General shall cause a copy of a report furnished under subsection (9) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the receipt of the report by the Attorney-General.

117A Reparation for certain losses and expenses relating to children

- (1) Where:
 - (a) a court has found, for the purposes of Division 13A of Part VII, that a person has, by taking a child away from another person or by refusing or failing to deliver a child to another person, contravened a parenting order to the extent to which the order provides that:

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- (i) a child is to live with a person; or
- (ii) a child is to spend time with a person; or
- (iii) a child is to communicate with a person;
- (b) a person has been convicted of an offence against section 65Y, 65YA, 65Z or 65ZAA in respect of a child;
- (c) a court has found, for the purposes of Division 13A of Part VII, that a person has, by taking a child away from another person or by refusing or failing to deliver a child to another person, contravened an injunction granted, or an order made, under section 114; or
- (d) a person has been found to be in contempt of a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act by reason of having taken a child away from another person or having refused or failed to deliver a child to another person;

a court having jurisdiction under this Act may, subject to subsection (2):

- (e) on the application of the Commonwealth—order the person to make reparation to the Commonwealth or to a Commonwealth instrumentality, by way of money payment or otherwise, in respect of any loss suffered, or any expense incurred, by the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth instrumentality, as the case may be, in recovering the child and returning the child to a person; or
 - (f) on the application of any other person—order the first-mentioned person to make reparation to that other person, by way of money payment or otherwise, in respect of any loss suffered, or expense incurred, by that other person in recovering the child and, if applicable, returning the child to a person.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) empowers a court to order a person to make reparation to the Commonwealth, to a Commonwealth instrumentality or to another person in respect of any loss suffered, or any expense incurred, where a court has, under section 21B of the *Crimes Act 1914*, ordered the first-mentioned person to make reparation to the Commonwealth, to the Commonwealth

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instrumentality or to that other person, as the case may be, in respect of the same loss suffered or expense incurred.

117B Interest on moneys ordered to be paid

- (1) Subject to any order made by the court under subsection (2), where, in proceedings under this Act, a court makes an order for the payment of money (other than an order for the payment by way of maintenance of a periodic sum), interest is payable, at the rate prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court, from:
 - (a) the date on which the order is made; or
 - (b) the date on which the order takes effect;whichever is later, on so much of the money as is from time to time unpaid.
- (2) A court that makes an order for the payment of money as mentioned in subsection (1) may order that interest is not payable on the money payable under the first-mentioned order or may order:
 - (a) that interest is payable at a rate specified in the order, being a rate other than the rate prescribed by the applicable Rules of Court; or
 - (b) that interest is payable from a date specified in the order, being a date other than the date from which the interest would be payable under subsection (1).

117C Offers of settlement

- (1) This section applies to proceedings under this Act other than the following proceedings:
 - (a) proceedings under Part VI;
 - (b) proceedings under Division 6, 9 or 13 of Part VII;
 - (c) proceedings to enforce a decree or injunction made under Division 6, 9 or 13 of Part VII.
- (2) If:

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- (a) a party to proceedings to which this section applies makes an offer to the other party to the proceedings to settle the proceedings; and
- (b) the offer is made in accordance with any applicable Rules of Court;

the terms of the offer must not be disclosed to the court in which the proceedings are being heard except for the purposes of the consideration by the court of whether it should make an order as to costs under subsection 114UB(2) and the terms of any such order.

119 Married persons may sue each other

Either party to a marriage may bring proceedings in contract or in tort against the other party.

120 Criminal conversation, adultery and enticement

After the commencement of this Act, no action lies for criminal conversation, damages for adultery, or for enticement of a party to a marriage.

122 Rights of legal practitioners

A person who is, under Part VIIIA of the *Judiciary Act 1903*, entitled to practise in any federal court as a barrister or solicitor, or as both, has the like right to practise in any State court exercising jurisdiction under this Act.

122AAA Protection of Registrars conducting conferences about property matters

- (1) In conducting a conference that:
 - (a) is with the parties to property settlement proceedings; and
 - (b) relates to the matter to which the proceedings relate;a Registrar of a Family Court of a State has the same protection and immunity as a Judge of the Court has in performing the functions of a Judge.

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- (2) This section does not limit any other protection or immunity such a Registrar has (in relation to such a conference or otherwise).

122A Making arrests under this Act or warrants

Application

- (1) This section and section 122AA apply to any of the following persons (the **arrestor**) who is authorised by this Act, or by a warrant issued under this Act or the applicable Rules of Court, to arrest another person (the **arrestee**):
- (a) the Marshal of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1);
 - (b) a Deputy Marshal of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1);
 - (c) the Sheriff of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2);
 - (d) a Deputy Sheriff of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2);
 - (e) the Sheriff of a court of a State or Territory;
 - (f) a Deputy Sheriff of a court of a State or Territory;
 - (g) a police officer;
 - (i) an APS employee in the Department administered by the Minister administering the *Australian Border Force Act 2015* and who is in the Australian Border Force (within the meaning of that Act).

Use of force

- (2) In the course of arresting the arrestee, the arrestor:
- (a) must not use more force, or subject the arrestee to greater indignity, than is necessary and reasonable to make the arrest or to prevent the arrestee's escape after the arrest; and
 - (b) must not do anything that is likely to cause the death of, or grievous bodily harm to, the arrestee unless the arrestor reasonably believes that doing that thing is necessary to

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protect life or prevent serious injury to another person (including the arrestee); and

- (c) if the arrestee is attempting to escape arrest by fleeing—must not do a thing described in paragraph (b) unless:
 - (i) the arrestee reasonably believes that doing that thing is necessary to protect life or prevent serious injury to another person (including the arrestee); and
 - (ii) the arrestee has, if practicable, been called on to surrender and the arrestee reasonably believes that the arrestee cannot be arrested in any other way.

Informing the arrestee of grounds for arrest

- (3) When arresting the arrestee, the arrestee must inform the arrestee of the grounds for the arrest.
- (4) It is sufficient if the arrestee is informed of the substance of those grounds, not necessarily in precise or technical language.
- (5) Subsection (3) does not apply if:
 - (a) it is reasonable, in the circumstances, to assume that the arrestee knows the substance of the grounds for the arrest; or
 - (b) the arrestee's actions make it impracticable for the arrestee to inform the arrestee of those grounds.

122AA Powers to enter and search premises, and stop conveyances, for making arrests under this Act or warrants

Power to enter premises

- (1) If the arrestee (see subsection 122A(1)) reasonably believes the arrestee (see that subsection) is on premises, the arrestee may enter the premises, using such force as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances, at any time of the day or night for the purpose of searching the premises for the arrestee or arresting the arrestee.
- (2) However, the arrestee must not enter a dwelling house between 9 pm one day and 6 am the next day unless he or she reasonably

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believes that it would not be practicable to arrest the arrestee there or elsewhere at another time.

Power to stop and detain conveyance

- (3) If the arrestee may enter and search a conveyance under subsection (1) (disregarding subsection (2)), the arrestee may, for the purposes of effecting the entry and search, stop and detain the conveyance.

Note: The reference in subsection (1) to premises covers a conveyance: see subsection (5).

Rules about stopping, detaining, entering and searching conveyances

- (4) If the arrestee stops, detains, enters or searches a conveyance under this section for the purposes of arresting the arrestee, the arrestee:
- (a) may use such assistance as is necessary; and
 - (b) must search the conveyance in a public place or in some other place to which members of the public have ready access; and
 - (c) must not detain the conveyance for longer than is necessary and reasonable to search it; and
 - (d) may use such force as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances, but must not damage the conveyance by forcing open a part of the conveyance unless:
 - (i) the person (if any) apparently in charge of the conveyance has been given a reasonable opportunity to open that part; or
 - (ii) it is not possible to give that person such an opportunity.

*Definition of **premises***

- (5) In this section:

premises includes a place and a conveyance.

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122B Arrangements with States and Territories

- (1) The Governor-General may make an arrangement with the relevant authority of a State or internal Territory for the performance by an officer of the State or Territory of a function under this Act.
- (2) In this section:

officer includes the holder of a judicial office.

relevant authority means:

- (a) in relation to a State—the Governor of the State; or
- (b) in relation to the Australian Capital Territory—the Chief Minister for the Australian Capital Territory; or
- (c) in relation to the Northern Territory—the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

123 Rules of Court—standard Rules of Court

- (1) The Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), or a majority of them, may make Rules of Court not inconsistent with this Act, providing for or in relation to the practice and procedure to be followed, subject to subsection 69GA(3) and section 90YJ, in a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act, and for and in relation to all matters and things incidental to any such practice and procedure, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the conduct of any business in the court and, in particular:
 - (a) providing for and in relation to the attendance of witnesses; and
 - (b) providing for and in relation to the manner of service of process of a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act, and for and in relation to dispensing with such service; and
 - (ba) providing for and in relation to trial management; and
 - (c) providing for and in relation to the prevention or termination of vexatious or harmful proceedings; and
 - (f) prescribing the seals and stamps to be used in a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act; and

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- (g) prescribing matters relating to the costs of proceedings (including solicitor and client costs and party and party costs) and the assessment or taxation of those costs; and
- (h) authorising a court to refer to an officer of the court for investigation, report and recommendation claims or applications for or relating to any matters before the court; and
- (j) authorising an officer making an investigation mentioned in paragraph (h) to:
 - (i) take evidence on oath or affirmation; and
 - (ii) receive in evidence a report from a family consultant under section 55A or 62G; and
 - (iii) receive in evidence a report from a person who has had dealings with a party to the matter under investigation under section 65F, 65L, 65LA, 70NBB, 70NBD or 70NBF; and
- (ja) enabling the summoning of witnesses before an officer making an investigation mentioned in paragraph (h) for the purposes of giving evidence or producing books or documents; and
- (k) regulating the procedure of a court upon receiving a report of an officer who has made an investigation referred to in paragraph (h); and
- (m) providing for and in relation to the procedure of a court exercising its powers under section 112AP to deal with a person for contempt of the court; and
- (ma) for the purposes of Division 2 of Part XI, providing for the conditions relating to the use of video links, audio links and other appropriate means of communication; and
- (n) providing for and in relation to the making of an application for a divorce order in relation to a marriage jointly by both parties to the marriage; and
- (o) providing for and in relation to the appointment, by the Attorney-General, or a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act, of a litigation guardian for a party, or a manager of the affairs of a party, to proceedings under this Act; and

- (q) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the forfeiture of bonds and recognisances entered into in pursuance of requirements made under this Act; and
 - (ii) the recovery of any money that may be due to the Commonwealth under such bonds and recognisances or from any person who has become a surety under this Act; and
- (r) providing for and in relation to the attachment of moneys payable by the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory or the Administration of a Territory, or by an authority of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory (other than moneys as to which it is provided by any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that they are not liable to attachment); and
- (s) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the attendance at family counselling by parties to proceedings under this Act; and
 - (ii) the attendance at family dispute resolution by parties to proceedings under this Act; and
 - (iii) the giving of advice and assistance by family consultants to people involved in proceedings under this Act; and
 - (iv) the participation by parties to proceedings under this Act in courses, programs and other services (other than those mentioned in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii)) that the parties are ordered by the court to participate in; and
 - (v) the use, for the purposes of proceedings under this Act, by courts exercising jurisdiction under this Act and officers of such courts, of reports about the future conduct of the proceedings that have been prepared by persons who dealt with the parties in accordance with Rules of Court made under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv); and
- (sa) prescribing the functions and duties of assessors and of family consultants and arbitrators; and

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- (sb) providing for and in relation to the making of applications under this Act for arbitration and for orders under sections 13E and 13F; and
- (sc) prescribing the disputes, proceedings or matters that may or may not be arbitrated under this Act; and
- (sca) prescribing the disputes, proceedings or matters in relation to which family consultants may, or must not, perform their functions; and
- (sd) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the functions to be performed by family consultants; and
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed in performing those functions; and
 - (iii) the procedures to be followed by persons involved in proceedings in relation to which a family consultant is performing functions; and
 - (iv) the procedures to be followed when a family consultant ceases performing functions in relation to a dispute, proceeding or matter; and
- (sda) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the procedures to be followed by a family counsellor authorised under subsection 281(1) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed by persons attending family counselling with such a counsellor; and
 - (iii) the procedures to be followed when family counselling with such a counsellor ends; and
- (sdb) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the procedures to be followed by a family dispute resolution practitioner authorised under subsection 281(2) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and

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- (ii) the procedures to be followed by persons attending family dispute resolution with such a practitioner; and
- (iii) the procedures to be followed when family dispute resolution with such a practitioner ends; and
- (sdc) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the procedures to be followed by an arbitrator in relation to a dispute, proceeding or matter under this Act; and
 - (ii) the attendance by persons at conferences conducted by arbitrators for the purpose of arbitrating a dispute, proceeding or matter under this Act; and
 - (iii) the procedure to be followed when arbitration ends, both where it has resulted in an agreement or award and where it has not; and
- (se) prescribing matters relating to the costs of arbitration by arbitrators, and the assessment or taxation of those costs; and
- (sea) prescribing matters relating to the costs of family counselling by family counsellors authorised under subsection 281(1) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
- (seb) prescribing matters relating to the costs of family dispute resolution by family dispute resolution practitioners authorised under subsection 281(2) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
- (sf) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the registration of awards under section 13H; and
 - (ii) the time and manner of making applications for review of registered awards under section 13J or for orders setting aside registered awards under section 13K; and
- (sg) providing for and in relation to conciliation conferences; and
- (t) prescribing matters incidental to the matters specified in the preceding paragraphs; and
- (u) prescribing penalties not exceeding 50 penalty units for offences against the standard Rules of Court.

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Note: For other powers to make Rules of Court, see section 109A, subsection 111C(7A) and section 123A.

- (1A) A reference in subsection (1) to a ***court exercising jurisdiction under this Act*** does not include a reference to:
- (a) the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia; or
 - (b) if Rules of Court made under section 123A are in force for the purposes of a Family Court of a State—that Court.

Note: A reference to a Family Court of a State is a reference to a court to which section 41 applies (see subsection 4(1A)).

- (2) The *Legislation Act 2003* (other than sections 8, 9, 10 and 16 and Part 4 of Chapter 3 of that Act) applies in relation to rules of court made by Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) under this section or any other Act (other than the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021*):
- (a) as if a reference to a legislative instrument (other than in subparagraph 14(1)(a)(ii) and subsection 14(3) of that Act) were a reference to a rule of court; and
 - (b) as if a reference to a rule-maker were a reference to the Chief Justice acting on behalf of the Judges of that Court; and
 - (c) subject to such further modifications or adaptations as are provided for in regulations made under paragraph 125(1)(baa) of this Act.
- (2A) Despite the fact that section 16 of the *Legislation Act 2003* does not apply in relation to rules of court made by the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) under this Act, the Office of Parliamentary Counsel (established by subsection 2(1) of the *Parliamentary Counsel Act 1970*) may provide assistance in the drafting of any of those Rules if the Chief Justice so desires.

123A Rules of Court—Family Courts of a State

- (1) The Judges (however described) of a Family Court of a State (a ***State Court***), or a majority of them, may make Rules of Court not inconsistent with this Act, providing for or in relation to the

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practice and procedure to be followed, subject to subsection 69GA(3), by the State Court when exercising jurisdiction under this Act, and for and in relation to all matters and things incidental to any such practice and procedure, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the conduct of any business in the State Court and, in particular:

- (a) providing for and in relation to the attendance of witnesses; and
- (b) providing for and in relation to the manner of service of process of the State Court, and for and in relation to dispensing with such service; and
- (c) providing for and in relation to trial management; and
- (d) providing for and in relation to the prevention or termination of vexatious or harmful proceedings; and
- (e) prescribing the seals and stamps to be used in the State Court; and
- (f) prescribing matters relating to the costs of proceedings (including solicitor and client costs and party and party costs) and the assessment or taxation of those costs; and
- (g) authorising the State Court to refer to an officer of the court for investigation, report and recommendation claims or applications for or relating to any matters before the court; and
- (h) authorising an officer making an investigation mentioned in paragraph (g) to:
 - (i) take evidence on oath or affirmation; and
 - (ii) receive in evidence a report from a family consultant under section 55A or 62G; and
 - (iii) receive in evidence a report from a person who has had dealings with a party to the matter under investigation under section 65F, 65L, 65LA, 70NBB, 70NBD or 70NBF; and
- (i) enabling the summoning of witnesses before an officer making an investigation mentioned in paragraph (g) for the purposes of giving evidence or producing books or documents; and

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- (j) regulating the procedure of the State Court upon receiving a report of an officer who has made an investigation referred to in paragraph (g); and
- (k) providing for and in relation to the procedure of the State Court when exercising its powers under section 112AP to deal with a person for contempt of the court; and
- (l) for the purposes of Division 2 of Part XI, providing for the conditions relating to the use of video links, audio links and other appropriate means of communication; and
- (m) providing for and in relation to the making of an application for a divorce order in relation to a marriage jointly by both parties to the marriage; and
- (n) providing for and in relation to the appointment, by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, or a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act, of a litigation guardian for a party, or a manager of the affairs of a party, to proceedings under this Act; and
- (o) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the forfeiture of bonds and recognisances entered into in pursuance of requirements made under this Act; and
 - (ii) the recovery of any money that may be due to the Commonwealth under such bonds and recognisances or from any person who has become a surety under this Act; and
- (p) providing for and in relation to the attachment of moneys payable by the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory or the Administration of a Territory, or by an authority of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory (other than moneys as to which it is provided by any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that they are not liable to attachment); and
- (q) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the attendance at family counselling by parties to proceedings under this Act; and
 - (ii) the attendance at family dispute resolution by parties to proceedings under this Act; and

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- (iii) the giving of advice and assistance by family consultants to people involved in proceedings under this Act; and
- (iv) the participation by parties to proceedings under this Act in courses, programs and other services (other than those mentioned in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii)) that the parties are ordered by the State Court to participate in; and
- (v) the use, for the purposes of proceedings under this Act, by the State Court and officers of the court, of reports about the future conduct of the proceedings that have been prepared by persons who dealt with the parties in accordance with Rules of Court made under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv); and
- (r) prescribing the functions and duties of assessors and of family consultants and arbitrators; and
- (s) providing for and in relation to the making of applications under this Act for arbitration and for orders under sections 13E and 13F; and
- (t) prescribing the disputes, proceedings or matters that may or may not be arbitrated under this Act; and
- (u) prescribing the disputes, proceedings or matters in relation to which family consultants may, or must not, perform their functions; and
- (v) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the functions to be performed by family consultants; and
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed in performing those functions; and
 - (iii) the procedures to be followed by persons involved in proceedings in relation to which a family consultant is performing functions; and
 - (iv) the procedures to be followed when a family consultant ceases performing functions in relation to a dispute, proceeding or matter; and
- (w) providing for and in relation to:

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- (i) the procedures to be followed by a family counsellor authorised under subsection 281(1) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed by persons attending family counselling with such a counsellor; and
 - (iii) the procedures to be followed when family counselling with such a counsellor ends; and
- (x) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the procedures to be followed by a family dispute resolution practitioner authorised under subsection 281(2) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed by persons attending family dispute resolution with such a practitioner; and
 - (iii) the procedures to be followed when family dispute resolution with such a practitioner ends; and
- (y) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the procedures to be followed by an arbitrator in relation to a dispute, proceeding or matter under this Act; and
 - (ii) the attendance by persons at conferences conducted by arbitrators for the purpose of arbitrating a dispute, proceeding or matter under this Act; and
 - (iii) the procedure to be followed when arbitration ends, both where it has resulted in an agreement or award and where it has not; and
- (z) prescribing matters relating to the costs of arbitration by arbitrators, and the assessment or taxation of those costs; and
- (za) prescribing matters relating to the costs of family counselling by family counsellors authorised under subsection 281(1) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and

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- (zb) prescribing matters relating to the costs of family dispute resolution by family dispute resolution practitioners authorised under subsection 281(2) of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* or engaged under subsection 18ZI(2) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*; and
- (zc) providing for and in relation to:
 - (i) the registration of awards under section 13H; and
 - (ii) the time and manner of making applications for review of registered awards under section 13J or for orders setting aside registered awards under section 13K; and
- (zd) providing for and in relation to conciliation conferences; and
- (ze) prescribing matters incidental to the matters specified in the preceding paragraphs; and
- (zf) prescribing penalties not exceeding 50 penalty units, or an amount that is the monetary equivalent, for offences against Rules of Court made under this section for the purposes of the State Court.

Note 1: A reference to a Family Court of a State is a reference to a court to which section 41 applies (see subsection 4(1A)).

Note 2: Penalty unit has the meaning given by section 4AA of the *Crimes Act 1914* (see section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*).

- (2) The *Legislation Act 2003* (other than sections 8, 9, 10 and 16 and Part 4 of Chapter 3 of that Act) applies in relation to rules of court made by Judges of a State Court under this section:
 - (a) as if a reference to a legislative instrument (other than in subparagraph 14(1)(a)(ii) and subsection 14(3) of that Act) were a reference to a rule of court; and
 - (b) as if a reference to a rule-maker were a reference to the Chief Judge (however described) acting on behalf of the Judges of that Court; and
 - (c) subject to such further modifications or adaptations as are provided for in regulations made under paragraph 125(1)(baa) of this Act.

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124 Rules Advisory Committee

- (1) There shall be a Rules Advisory Committee consisting of such Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), such Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), such Judges of Family Courts of States and such other persons as are appointed by the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1).
- (2) The function of the Rules Advisory Committee is to advise the Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) in relation to the making of standard Rules of Court as requested from time to time.
- (4) A Judge of a Family Court of a State shall not be appointed as a member of the Rules Advisory Committee unless the Governor-General has made an arrangement under section 122B in relation to the performance, by that Judge, of functions as a member of the Rules Advisory Committee.
- (5) The members of the Rules Advisory Committee shall be paid such allowances in respect of expenses in connection with their duties as are prescribed.
- (6) A member of the Rules Advisory Committee may resign by writing signed and delivered to the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1).

124A Regulations in relation to overseas-related maintenance obligations etc.

- (1) The regulations may make provision for, and in relation to, the following matters:
 - (a) giving effect to an international agreement that relates to maintenance obligations arising from family relationship, parentage or marriage;
 - (b) maintenance obligations arising from family relationship, parentage or marriage, where:

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- (i) the maintenance is claimed by or on behalf of a person who is in a reciprocating jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) the person from whom the maintenance is claimed is in a reciprocating jurisdiction.
- (2) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may:
 - (a) confer jurisdiction on a federal court (other than the High Court) or a court of a Territory; or
 - (b) invest a court of a State with federal jurisdiction.
- (4) In this section:

international agreement means an agreement whose parties are:

- (a) Australia and a foreign country; or
- (b) Australia and 2 or more foreign countries.

reciprocating jurisdiction means:

- (a) a foreign country; or
- (b) a part of a foreign country;

that is prescribed by the regulations to be a reciprocating jurisdiction for the purposes of this section.

125 Regulations

- (1) The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters that are required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act and, in particular:
 - (a) providing for and in relation to the service overseas, pursuant to any convention between Australia and another country, of any documents in proceedings under this Act; and
 - (b) providing for and in relation to the transcription of proceedings under this Act and the making available of copies of transcripts of those proceedings; and
 - (baa) modifying or adapting the provisions of the *Legislation Act 2003* (other than the provisions of Part 2 of Chapter 3 of that Act or any other provisions whose modification or adaptation

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- would affect the operation of that Part) in their application to a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act; and
- (bb) prescribing requirements for arbitrators; and
 - (bba) the registration of awards made in family law arbitration; and
 - (bc) prescribing, or providing for or in relation to, anything that may be dealt with in Rules of Court made under paragraph 123(1)(sa), (sb), (sc), (sca), (sd), (sda), (sdb), (sdc), (se), (sea) or (seb); and
 - (bd) prescribing, or providing for or in relation to, anything that may be dealt with in Rules of Court made under paragraph 123A(1)(r), (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (za) or (zb); and
 - (c) prescribing court fees to be payable in respect of proceedings under this Act; and
 - (d) exempting persons included in particular classes of persons from liability to pay court fees prescribed under paragraph (c); and
 - (e) providing for the refund of court fees prescribed under paragraph (c) that have been paid in particular circumstances; and
 - (f) providing for an officer of a court exercising jurisdiction under this Act, a prescribed authority of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory or the person for the time being holding a prescribed office under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory, in his, her or its discretion, to institute and prosecute proceedings, on behalf of the person entitled to moneys payable under a child maintenance order under Part VII or a maintenance order under Part VIII, for the purpose of enforcing payment of those moneys; and
 - (g) providing for and in relation to priority as between the execution of orders made under the regulations, or under the repealed Act, for the attachment of moneys payable by the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory or the Administration of a Territory, or by an authority of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory (other than moneys as to which it is provided by any law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a

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Territory that they are not liable to attachment) and the execution of orders made in accordance with the *Maintenance Orders (Commonwealth Officers) Act 1966*.

- (2) Court fees payable in pursuance of regulations made under this section in respect of proceedings in a Family Court of a State are payable to the State.
- (3) To the extent of any inconsistency between regulations and Rules of Court, the regulations prevail.

Schedule 1—Child Protection Convention

Note: This is the copy of the Child Protection Convention referred to in the definition of *Child Protection Convention* in subsection 111CA(1).

The undersigned, Delegates of the Governments of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Venezuela, Member States, as well as the Representatives of the Governments of Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Georgia, the Holy See, the Republic of Korea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa and Sri Lanka, participating as Observers, convened at The Hague on 30 September 1996, at the invitation of the Government of the Netherlands, in the Eighteenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Following the deliberations laid down in the records of the meetings, have decided to submit to their Governments—

CONVENTION ON JURISDICTION, APPLICABLE LAW, RECOGNITION, ENFORCEMENT AND CO-OPERATION IN RESPECT OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The States signatory to the present Convention,

Considering the need to improve the protection of children in international situations,

Wishing to avoid conflicts between their legal systems in respect of jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of measures for the protection of children,

Recalling the importance of international co-operation for the protection of children,

Confirming that the best interests of the child are to be a primary consideration,

Noting that the *Convention of 5 October 1961 concerning the powers of authorities and the law applicable in respect of the protection of minors* is in need of revision,

Desiring to establish common provisions to this effect, taking into account the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* of 20 November 1989,

Have agreed on the following provisions—

CHAPTER I—SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION

Article 1

1 The objects of the present Convention are—

a to determine the State whose authorities have jurisdiction to take measures directed to the protection of the person or property of the child;

b to determine which law is to be applied by such authorities in exercising their jurisdiction;

c to determine the law applicable to parental responsibility;

d to provide for the recognition and enforcement of such measures of protection in all Contracting States;

e to establish such co-operation between the authorities of the Contracting States as may be necessary in order to achieve the purposes of this Convention.

2 For the purposes of this Convention, the term ‘parental responsibility’ includes parental authority, or any analogous relationship of authority

determining the rights, powers and responsibilities of parents, guardians or other legal representatives in relation to the person or the property of the child.

Article 2

The Convention applies to children from the moment of their birth until they reach the age of 18 years.

Article 3

The measures referred to in Article 1 may deal in particular with—

- a* the attribution, exercise, termination or restriction of parental responsibility, as well as its delegation;
- b* rights of custody, including rights relating to the care of the person of the child and, in particular, the right to determine the child's place of residence, as well as rights of access including the right to take a child for a limited period of time to a place other than the child's habitual residence;
- c* guardianship, curatorship and analogous institutions;
- d* the designation and functions of any person or body having charge of the child's person or property, representing or assisting the child;
- e* the placement of the child in a foster family or in institutional care, or the provision of care by *kafala* or an analogous institution;
- f* the supervision by a public authority of the care of a child by any person having charge of the child;
- g* the administration, conservation or disposal of the child's property.

Article 4

The Convention does not apply to—

- a* the establishment or contesting of a parent-child relationship;
- b* decisions on adoption, measures preparatory to adoption, or the annulment or revocation of adoption;
- c* the name and forenames of the child;
- d* emancipation;
- e* maintenance obligations;
- f* trusts or succession;
- g* social security;
- h* public measures of a general nature in matters of education or health;
- i* measures taken as a result of penal offences committed by children;
- j* decisions on the right of asylum and on immigration.

CHAPTER II—JURISDICTION

Article 5

1 The judicial or administrative authorities of the Contracting State of the habitual residence of the child have jurisdiction to take measures directed to the protection of the child's person or property.

2 Subject to Article 7, in case of a change of the child's habitual residence to another Contracting State, the authorities of the State of the new habitual residence have jurisdiction.

Article 6

1 For refugee children and children who, due to disturbances occurring in their country, are internationally displaced, the authorities of the Contracting State on the territory of which these children are present as a result of their displacement have the jurisdiction provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 5.

2 The provisions of the preceding paragraph also apply to children whose habitual residence cannot be established.

Article 7

1 In case of wrongful removal or retention of the child, the authorities of the Contracting State in which the child was habitually resident immediately before the removal or retention keep their jurisdiction until the child has acquired a habitual residence in another State, and

a each person, institution or other body having rights of custody has acquiesced in the removal or retention; or

b the child has resided in that other State for a period of at least one year after the person, institution or other body having rights of custody has or should have had knowledge of the whereabouts of the child, no request for return lodged within that period is still pending, and the child is settled in his or her new environment.

2 The removal or the retention of a child is to be considered wrongful where—

a it is in breach of rights of custody attributed to a person, an institution or any other body, either jointly or alone, under the law of the State in which the child was habitually resident immediately before the removal or retention; and

b at the time of removal or retention those rights were actually exercised, either jointly or alone, or would have been so exercised but for the removal or retention.

The rights of custody mentioned in sub-paragraph *a* above, may arise in particular by operation of law or by reason of a judicial or administrative decision, or by reason of an agreement having legal effect under the law of that State.

3 So long as the authorities first mentioned in paragraph 1 keep their jurisdiction, the authorities of the Contracting State to which the child has been removed or in which he or she has been retained can take only such urgent measures under Article 11 as are necessary for the protection of the person or property of the child.

Article 8

1 By way of exception, the authority of a Contracting State having jurisdiction under Article 5 or 6, if it considers that the authority of another Contracting State would be better placed in the particular case to assess the best interests of the child, may either

— request that other authority, directly or with the assistance of the Central Authority of its State, to assume jurisdiction to take such measures of protection as it considers to be necessary, or

— suspend consideration of the case and invite the parties to introduce such a request before the authority of that other State.

2 The Contracting States whose authorities may be addressed as provided in the preceding paragraph are

a a State of which the child is a national,

b a State in which property of the child is located,

c a State whose authorities are seised of an application for divorce or legal separation of the child's parents, or for annulment of their marriage,

d a State with which the child has a substantial connection.

3 The authorities concerned may proceed to an exchange of views.

4 The authority addressed as provided in paragraph 1 may assume jurisdiction, in place of the authority having jurisdiction under Article 5 or 6, if it considers that this is in the child's best interests.

Article 9

1 If the authorities of a Contracting State referred to in Article 8, paragraph 2, consider that they are better placed in the particular case to assess the child's best interests, they may either

— request the competent authority of the Contracting State of the habitual residence of the child, directly or with the assistance of the Central Authority of that State, that they be authorised to exercise jurisdiction to take the measures of protection which they consider to be necessary, or

— invite the parties to introduce such a request before the authority of the Contracting State of the habitual residence of the child.

2 The authorities concerned may proceed to an exchange of views.

3 The authority initiating the request may exercise jurisdiction in place of the authority of the Contracting State of the habitual residence of the child only if the latter authority has accepted the request.

Article 10

1 Without prejudice to Articles 5 to 9, the authorities of a Contracting State exercising jurisdiction to decide upon an application for divorce or legal

separation of the parents of a child habitually resident in another Contracting State, or for annulment of their marriage, may, if the law of their State so provides, take measures directed to the protection of the person or property of such child if

a at the time of commencement of the proceedings, one of his or her parents habitually resides in that State and one of them has parental responsibility in relation to the child, and

b the jurisdiction of these authorities to take such measures has been accepted by the parents, as well as by any other person who has parental responsibility in relation to the child, and is in the best interests of the child.

2 The jurisdiction provided for by paragraph 1 to take measures for the protection of the child ceases as soon as the decision allowing or refusing the application for divorce, legal separation or annulment of the marriage has become final, or the proceedings have come to an end for another reason.

Article 11

1 In all cases of urgency, the authorities of any Contracting State in whose territory the child or property belonging to the child is present have jurisdiction to take any necessary measures of protection.

2 The measures taken under the preceding paragraph with regard to a child habitually resident in a Contracting State shall lapse as soon as the authorities which have jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 have taken the measures required by the situation.

3 The measures taken under paragraph 1 with regard to a child who is habitually resident in a non-Contracting State shall lapse in each Contracting State as soon as measures required by the situation and taken by the authorities of another State are recognised in the Contracting State in question.

Article 12

1 Subject to Article 7, the authorities of a Contracting State in whose territory the child or property belonging to the child is present have jurisdiction to take measures of a provisional character for the protection of the person or property of the child which have a territorial effect limited to the State in question, in so far as such measures are not incompatible with measures already taken by authorities which have jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10.

2 The measures taken under the preceding paragraph with regard to a child habitually resident in a Contracting State shall lapse as soon as the authorities which have jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 have taken a decision in respect of the measures of protection which may be required by the situation.

3 The measures taken under paragraph 1 with regard to a child who is habitually resident in a non-Contracting State shall lapse in the Contracting State where the measures were taken as soon as measures required by the situation and taken by the authorities of another State are recognised in the Contracting State in question.

Article 13

1 The authorities of a Contracting State which have jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 to take measures for the protection of the person or property of the child must abstain from exercising this jurisdiction if, at the time of the commencement of the proceedings, corresponding measures have been requested from the authorities of another Contracting State having jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 at the time of the request and are still under consideration.

2 The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply if the authorities before whom the request for measures was initially introduced have declined jurisdiction.

Article 14

The measures taken in application of Articles 5 to 10 remain in force according to their terms, even if a change of circumstances has eliminated the basis upon which jurisdiction was founded, so long as the authorities which have jurisdiction under the Convention have not modified, replaced or terminated such measures.

CHAPTER III—APPLICABLE LAW*Article 15*

1 In exercising their jurisdiction under the provisions of Chapter II, the authorities of the Contracting States shall apply their own law.

2 However, in so far as the protection of the person or the property of the child requires, they may exceptionally apply or take into consideration the law of another State with which the situation has a substantial connection.

3 If the child's habitual residence changes to another Contracting State, the law of that other State governs, from the time of the change, the conditions of application of the measures taken in the State of the former habitual residence.

Article 16

1 The attribution or extinction of parental responsibility by operation of law, without the intervention of a judicial or administrative authority, is governed by the law of the State of the habitual residence of the child.

2 The attribution or extinction of parental responsibility by an agreement or a unilateral act, without intervention of a judicial or administrative authority, is governed by the law of the State of the child's habitual residence at the time when the agreement or unilateral act takes effect.

3 Parental responsibility which exists under the law of the State of the child's habitual residence subsists after a change of that habitual residence to another State.

4 If the child's habitual residence changes, the attribution of parental responsibility by operation of law to a person who does not already have such responsibility is governed by the law of the State of the new habitual residence.

Article 17

The exercise of parental responsibility is governed by the law of the State of the child's habitual residence. If the child's habitual residence changes, it is governed by the law of the State of the new habitual residence.

Article 18

The parental responsibility referred to in Article 16 may be terminated, or the conditions of its exercise modified, by measures taken under this Convention.

Article 19

1 The validity of a transaction entered into between a third party and another person who would be entitled to act as the child's legal representative under the law of the State where the transaction was concluded cannot be contested, and the third party cannot be held liable, on the sole ground that the other person was not entitled to act as the child's legal representative under the law designated by the provisions of this Chapter, unless the third party knew or should have known that the parental responsibility was governed by the latter law.

2 The preceding paragraph applies only if the transaction was entered into between persons present on the territory of the same State.

Article 20

The provisions of this Chapter apply even if the law designated by them is the law of a non-Contracting State.

Article 21

1 In this Chapter the term “law” means the law in force in a State other than its choice of law rules.

2 However, if the law applicable according to Article 16 is that of a non-Contracting State and if the choice of law rules of that State designate the law of another non-Contracting State which would apply its own law, the law of the latter State applies. If that other non-Contracting State would not apply its own law, the applicable law is that designated by Article 16.

Article 22

The application of the law designated by the provisions of this Chapter can be refused only if this application would be manifestly contrary to public policy, taking into account the best interests of the child.

CHAPTER IV—RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT

Article 23

1 The measures taken by the authorities of a Contracting State shall be recognised by operation of law in all other Contracting States.

2 Recognition may however be refused—

a if the measure was taken by an authority whose jurisdiction was not based on one of the grounds provided for in Chapter II;

b if the measure was taken, except in a case of urgency, in the context of a judicial or administrative proceeding, without the child having been provided the opportunity to be heard, in violation of fundamental principles of procedure of the requested State;

c on the request of any person claiming that the measure infringes his or her parental responsibility, if such measure was taken, except in a case of urgency, without such person having been given an opportunity to be heard;

d if such recognition is manifestly contrary to public policy of the requested State, taking into account the best interests of the child;

e if the measure is incompatible with a later measure taken in the non-Contracting State of the habitual residence of the child, where this later measure fulfils the requirements for recognition in the requested State;

f if the procedure provided in Article 33 has not been complied with.

Article 24

Without prejudice to Article 23, paragraph 1, any interested person may request from the competent authorities of a Contracting State that they decide on the recognition or non-recognition of a measure taken in another Contracting State. The procedure is governed by the law of the requested State.

Article 25

The authority of the requested State is bound by the findings of fact on which the authority of the State where the measure was taken based its jurisdiction.

Article 26

1 If measures taken in one Contracting State and enforceable there require enforcement in another Contracting State, they shall, upon request by an interested party, be declared enforceable or registered for the purpose of enforcement in that other State according to the procedure provided in the law of the latter State.

2 Each Contracting State shall apply to the declaration of enforceability or registration a simple and rapid procedure.

3 The declaration of enforceability or registration may be refused only for one of the reasons set out in Article 23, paragraph 2.

Article 27

Without prejudice to such review as is necessary in the application of the preceding Articles, there shall be no review of the merits of the measure taken.

Article 28

Measures taken in one Contracting State and declared enforceable, or registered for the purpose of enforcement, in another Contracting State shall be enforced in the latter State as if they had been taken by the authorities of that State. Enforcement takes place in accordance with the law of the requested State to the extent provided by such law, taking into consideration the best interests of the child.

CHAPTER V—CO-OPERATION

Article 29

1 A Contracting State shall designate a Central Authority to discharge the duties which are imposed by the Convention on such authorities.

2 Federal States, States with more than one system of law or States having autonomous territorial units shall be free to appoint more than one Central Authority and to specify the territorial or personal extent of their functions. Where a State has appointed more than one Central Authority, it shall designate the Central Authority to which any communication may be addressed for transmission to the appropriate Central Authority within that State.

Article 30

1 Central Authorities shall co-operate with each other and promote co-operation amongst the competent authorities in their States to achieve the purposes of the Convention.

2 They shall, in connection with the application of the Convention, take appropriate steps to provide information as to the laws of, and services available in, their States relating to the protection of children.

Article 31

The Central Authority of a Contracting State, either directly or through public authorities or other bodies, shall take all appropriate steps to—

a facilitate the communications and offer the assistance provided for in Articles 8 and 9 and in this Chapter;

b facilitate, by mediation, conciliation or similar means, agreed solutions for the protection of the person or property of the child in situations to which the Convention applies;

c provide, on the request of a competent authority of another Contracting State, assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a child where it appears that the child may be present and in need of protection within the territory of the requested State.

Article 32

On a request made with supporting reasons by the Central Authority or other competent authority of any Contracting State with which the child has a substantial connection, the Central Authority of the Contracting State in which the child is habitually resident and present may, directly or through public authorities or other bodies,

- a* provide a report on the situation of the child;
- b* request the competent authority of its State to consider the need to take measures for the protection of the person or property of the child.

Article 33

1 If an authority having jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 contemplates the placement of the child in a foster family or institutional care, or the provision of care by *kafala* or an analogous institution, and if such placement or such provision of care is to take place in another Contracting State, it shall first consult with the Central Authority or other competent authority of the latter State. To that effect it shall transmit a report on the child together with the reasons for the proposed placement or provision of care.

2 The decision on the placement or provision of care may be made in the requesting State only if the Central Authority or other competent authority of the requested State has consented to the placement or provision of care, taking into account the child's best interests.

Article 34

- 1 Where a measure of protection is contemplated, the competent authorities under the Convention, if the situation of the child so requires, may request any authority of another Contracting State which has information relevant to the protection of the child to communicate such information.
- 2 A Contracting State may declare that requests under paragraph 1 shall be communicated to its authorities only through its Central Authority.

Article 35

- 1 The competent authorities of a Contracting State may request the authorities of another Contracting State to assist in the implementation of measures of protection taken under this Convention, especially in securing the effective exercise of rights of access as well as of the right to maintain direct contacts on a regular basis.
- 2 The authorities of a Contracting State in which the child does not habitually reside may, on the request of a parent residing in that State who is seeking to obtain or to maintain access to the child, gather information or evidence and may make a finding on the suitability of that parent to exercise access and on the conditions under which access is to be exercised. An authority exercising jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 to determine an application concerning access to the child, shall admit and consider such information, evidence and finding before reaching its decision.
- 3 An authority having jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 to decide on access may adjourn a proceeding pending the outcome of a request made under paragraph 2, in particular, when it is considering an application to restrict or terminate access rights granted in the State of the child's former habitual residence.
- 4 Nothing in this Article shall prevent an authority having jurisdiction under Articles 5 to 10 from taking provisional measures pending the outcome of the request made under paragraph 2.

Article 36

In any case where the child is exposed to a serious danger, the competent authorities of the Contracting State where measures for the protection of the child have been taken or are under consideration, if they are informed that the child's residence has changed to, or that the child is present in another State, shall inform the authorities of that other State about the danger involved and the measures taken or under consideration.

Article 37

An authority shall not request or transmit any information under this Chapter if to do so would, in its opinion, be likely to place the child's person or property in danger, or constitute a serious threat to the liberty or life of a member of the child's family.

Article 38

1 Without prejudice to the possibility of imposing reasonable charges for the provision of services, Central Authorities and other public authorities of Contracting States shall bear their own costs in applying the provisions of this Chapter.

2 Any Contracting State may enter into agreements with one or more other Contracting States concerning the allocation of charges.

Article 39

Any Contracting State may enter into agreements with one or more other Contracting States with a view to improving the application of this Chapter in their mutual relations. The States which have concluded such an agreement shall transmit a copy to the depositary of the Convention.

CHAPTER VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 40

1 The authorities of the Contracting State of the child's habitual residence, or of the Contracting State where a measure of protection has been taken, may deliver to the person having parental responsibility or to the person entrusted with protection of the child's person or property, at his or her request, a certificate indicating the capacity in which that person is entitled to act and the powers conferred upon him or her.

2 The capacity and powers indicated in the certificate are presumed to be vested in that person, in the absence of proof to the contrary.

3 Each Contracting State shall designate the authorities competent to draw up the certificate.

Article 41

Personal data gathered or transmitted under the Convention shall be used only for the purposes for which they were gathered or transmitted.

Article 42

The authorities to whom information is transmitted shall ensure its confidentiality, in accordance with the law of their State.

Article 43

All documents forwarded or delivered under this Convention shall be exempt from legalisation or any analogous formality.

Article 44

Each Contracting State may designate the authorities to which requests under Articles 8, 9 and 33 are to be addressed.

Article 45

1 The designations referred to in Articles 29 and 44 shall be communicated to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

2 The declaration referred to in Article 34, paragraph 2, shall be made to the depositary of the Convention.

Article 46

A Contracting State in which different systems of law or sets of rules of law apply to the protection of the child and his or her property shall not be bound to apply the rules of the Convention to conflicts solely between such different systems or sets of rules of law.

Article 47

In relation to a State in which two or more systems of law or sets of rules of law with regard to any matter dealt with in this Convention apply in different territorial units—

- 1 any reference to habitual residence in that State shall be construed as referring to habitual residence in a territorial unit;
- 2 any reference to the presence of the child in that State shall be construed as referring to presence in a territorial unit;
- 3 any reference to the location of property of the child in that State shall be construed as referring to location of property of the child in a territorial unit;
- 4 any reference to the State of which the child is a national shall be construed as referring to the territorial unit designated by the law of that State or, in the absence of relevant rules, to the territorial unit with which the child has the closest connection;
- 5 any reference to the State whose authorities are seised of an application for divorce or legal separation of the child's parents, or for annulment of their marriage, shall be construed as referring to the territorial unit whose authorities are seised of such application;
- 6 any reference to the State with which the child has a substantial connection shall be construed as referring to the territorial unit with which the child has such connection;
- 7 any reference to the State to which the child has been removed or in which he or she has been retained shall be construed as referring to the relevant territorial unit to which the child has been removed or in which he or she has been retained;
- 8 any reference to bodies or authorities of that State, other than Central Authorities, shall be construed as referring to those authorised to act in the relevant territorial unit;

9 any reference to the law or procedure or authority of the State in which a measure has been taken shall be construed as referring to the law or procedure or authority of the territorial unit in which such measure was taken;

10 any reference to the law or procedure or authority of the requested State shall be construed as referring to the law or procedure or authority of the territorial unit in which recognition or enforcement is sought.

Article 48

For the purpose of identifying the applicable law under Chapter III, in relation to a State which comprises two or more territorial units each of which has its own system of law or set of rules of law in respect of matters covered by this Convention, the following rules apply—

a if there are rules in force in such a State identifying which territorial unit's law is applicable, the law of that unit applies;

b in the absence of such rules, the law of the relevant territorial unit as defined in Article 47 applies.

Article 49

For the purpose of identifying the applicable law under Chapter III, in relation to a State which has two or more systems of law or sets of rules of law applicable to different categories of persons in respect of matters covered by this Convention, the following rules apply—

a if there are rules in force in such a State identifying which among such laws applies, that law applies;

b in the absence of such rules, the law of the system or the set of rules of law with which the child has the closest connection applies.

Article 50

This Convention shall not affect the application of the *Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction*, as between Parties to both Conventions. Nothing, however, precludes provisions of this Convention from being invoked for the purposes of obtaining the return of a child who has been wrongfully removed or retained or of organising access rights.

Article 51

In relations between the Contracting States this Convention replaces the *Convention of 5 October 1961 concerning the powers of authorities and the law applicable in respect of the protection of minors, and the Convention governing the guardianship of minors*, signed at The Hague 12 June 1902, without prejudice to the recognition of measures taken under the Convention of 5 October 1961 mentioned above.

Article 52

1 This Convention does not affect any international instrument to which Contracting States are Parties and which contains provisions on matters governed by the Convention, unless a contrary declaration is made by the States Parties to such instrument.

2 This Convention does not affect the possibility for one or more Contracting States to conclude agreements which contain, in respect of children habitually resident in any of the States Parties to such agreements, provisions on matters governed by this Convention.

3 Agreements to be concluded by one or more Contracting States on matters within the scope of this Convention do not affect, in the relationship of such States with other Contracting States, the application of the provisions of this Convention.

4 The preceding paragraphs also apply to uniform laws based on special ties of a regional or other nature between the States concerned.

Article 53

1 The Convention shall apply to measures only if they are taken in a State after the Convention has entered into force for that State.

2 The Convention shall apply to the recognition and enforcement of measures taken after its entry into force as between the State where the measures have been taken and the requested State.

Article 54

1 Any communication sent to the Central Authority or to another authority of a Contracting State shall be in the original language, and shall be accompanied by a translation into the official language or one of the official languages of the other State or, where that is not feasible, a translation into French or English.

2 However, a Contracting State may, by making a reservation in accordance with Article 60, object to the use of either French or English, but not both.

Article 55

1 A Contracting State may, in accordance with Article 60,

a reserve the jurisdiction of its authorities to take measures directed to the protection of property of a child situated on its territory;

b reserve the right not to recognise any parental responsibility or measure in so far as it is incompatible with any measure taken by its authorities in relation to that property.

- 2 The reservation may be restricted to certain categories of property.

Article 56

The Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law shall at regular intervals convoke a Special Commission in order to review the practical operation of the Convention.

CHAPTER VII—FINAL CLAUSES

Article 57

1 The Convention shall be open for signature by the States which were Members of the Hague Conference on Private International Law at the time of its Eighteenth Session.

2 It shall be ratified, accepted or approved and the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, depositary of the Convention.

Article 58

1 Any other State may accede to the Convention after it has entered into force in accordance with Article 61, paragraph 1.

2 The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the depositary.

3 Such accession shall have effect only as regards the relations between the acceding State and those Contracting States which have not raised an objection to its accession in the six months after the receipt of the notification referred to in sub-paragraph *b* of Article 63. Such an objection may also be

raised by States at the time when they ratify, accept or approve the Convention after an accession. Any such objection shall be notified to the depositary.

Article 59

1 If a State has two or more territorial units in which different systems of law are applicable in relation to matters dealt with in this Convention, it may at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession declare that the Convention shall extend to all its territorial units or only to one or more of them and may modify this declaration by submitting another declaration at any time.

2 Any such declaration shall be notified to the depositary and shall state expressly the territorial units to which the Convention applies.

3 If a State makes no declaration under this Article, the Convention is to extend to all territorial units of that State.

Article 60

1 Any State may, not later than the time of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or at the time of making a declaration in terms of Article 59, make one or both of the reservations provided for in Articles 54, paragraph 2, and 55. No other reservation shall be permitted.

2 Any State may at any time withdraw a reservation it has made. The withdrawal shall be notified to the depositary.

3 The reservation shall cease to have effect on the first day of the third calendar month after the notification referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Article 61

1 The Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of three months after the deposit of the third instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval referred to in Article 57.

2 Thereafter the Convention shall enter into force—

a for each State ratifying, accepting or approving it subsequently, on the first day of the month following the expiration of three months after the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;

b for each State acceding, on the first day of the month following the expiration of three months after the expiration of the period of six months provided in Article 58, paragraph 3;

c for a territorial unit to which the Convention has been extended in conformity with Article 59, on the first day of the month following the expiration of three months after the notification referred to in that Article.

Article 62

1 A State Party to the Convention may denounce it by a notification in writing addressed to the depositary. The denunciation may be limited to certain territorial units to which the Convention applies.

2 The denunciation takes effect on the first day of the month following the expiration of twelve months after the notification is received by the depositary. Where a longer period for the denunciation to take effect is specified in the notification, the denunciation takes effect upon the expiration of such longer period.

Article 63

The depositary shall notify the States Members of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the States which have acceded in accordance with Article 58 of the following—

- a* the signatures, ratifications, acceptances and approvals referred to in Article 57;
- b* the accessions and objections raised to accessions referred to in Article 58;
- c* the date on which the Convention enters into force in accordance with Article 61;
- d* the declarations referred to in Articles 34, paragraph 2, and 59;
- e* the agreements referred to in Article 39;
- f* the reservations referred to in Articles 54, paragraph 2, and 55 and the withdrawals referred to in Article 60, paragraph 2;
- g* the denunciations referred to in Article 62.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

[Signatures omitted]

Done at The Hague, on the 19th day of October 1996, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and of which a certified copy shall be sent, through diplomatic channels, to each of the States Members of the Hague Conference on Private International Law at the date of its Eighteenth Session.

Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

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The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

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Endnote 4—Amendment history

Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

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can be given effect as intended, then the misdescribed amendment can be incorporated through an editorial change made under section 15V of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and “(md not incorp)” is added to the amendment history.

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ad = added or inserted	o = order(s)
am = amended	Ord = Ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
c = clause(s)	par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) /sub-subparagraph(s)
C[x] = Compilation No. x	pres = present
Ch = Chapter(s)	prev = previous
def = definition(s)	(prev...) = previously
Dict = Dictionary	Pt = Part(s)
disallowed = disallowed by Parliament	r = regulation(s)/rule(s)
Div = Division(s)	reloc = relocated
ed = editorial change	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect	rep = repealed
F = Federal Register of Legislation	rs = repealed and substituted
gaz = gazette	s = section(s)/subsection(s)
LA = <i>Legislation Act 2003</i>	Sch = Schedule(s)
LIA = <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	Sdiv = Subdivision(s)
(md) = misdescribed amendment can be given effect	SLI = Select Legislative Instrument
(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect	SR = Statutory Rules
mod = modified/modification	Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s)
No. = Number(s)	SubPt = Subpart(s)
	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced

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Act	Number and year	Assent	Commencement	Application, saving and transitional provisions
Family Law Act 1975	53, 1975	12 June 1975	5 Jan 1976 (s 2 and gaz 1975, No G35, p 2)	
Family Law Amendment Act 1976	63, 1976	8 June 1976	s 1, 2, 17, 18, 39 and Sch: 8 June 1976 (s 2(1)) s 29 and 30: 5 Jan 1976 (s 2(2)) Remainder: 1 July 1976 (s 2(3))	s 19(2)
Family Law Amendment Act (No. 2) 1976	95, 1976	28 Sept 1976	28 Sept 1976 (s 2)	—
Marriage Amendment Act 1976	209, 1976	20 Dec 1976	s 29: (s 2(3) and gaz 1977, No S93)	—
Family Law Amendment Act 1977	102, 1977	11 Oct 1977	11 Oct 1977 (s 2)	—
Family Law Amendment Act 1979	23, 1979	5 Apr 1979	s 4, 10, 11, 12(a), 17 and 23: 1 Aug 1979 (s 2(2) and gaz 1979, No S154) Remainder: 5 Apr 1979 (s 2(1))	s 18(2), 19(2) and 22(2)
Domicile (Consequential Amendments) Act 1982	2, 1982	4 Mar 1982	s 4: 1 July 1982 (s 2)	—
Family Law Amendment (Legal Aid Costs) Act 1983	67, 1983	20 Oct 1983	20 Oct 1983 (s 2)	—

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Family Law Amendment Act 1983	72, 1983	28 Oct 1983	s 1 and 2: 28 Oct 1983 (s 2(1)) s 3–72: 25 Nov 1983 (s 2(2)) Remainder: 2 Jan 1985 (s 2(3) and gaz 1984, No S532)	s 3(2), 18(2), (3), 19(2), 44(2), (3), 51(2) and 68(2)
Public Service Reform Act 1984	63, 1984	25 June 1984	Sch 5: 20 July 1984 (s 2(4) and gaz 1984, No S276)	—
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984	72, 1984	25 June 1984	s 2(24): 25 June 1984 (s 2(2)) s 5(1) and Sch (amdt to s 44 and 87): 25 Nov 1983 (s 2(12)(b), (24)) s 5(1), Sch (remaining amdts to the Family Law Act 1975) and Note 1 of Notes about section headings: 2 Jan 1985 (s 2(12)(a), (c), (24) and gaz 1984, No S532)	s 2(24) and 5(1)
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1984	165, 1984	25 Oct 1984	s 6(1) and Sch 1: 2 Jan 1985 (s 2(10), (32))	s 6(1)
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1985	65, 1985	5 June 1985	Sch 1: 3 July 1985 (s 2(1))	—
Public Service and Statutory Authorities Amendment Act 1985	166, 1985	11 Dec 1985	s 45(2) and Sch: 8 Jan 1986 (s 2(7))	s 45(2)

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Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1985	193, 1985	16 Dec 1985	s 10, 16 and Sch 1: 16 Dec 1985 (s 2(1))	s 10 and 16
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1986	76, 1986	24 June 1986	s 9 and Sch 1: 24 June 1986 (s 2(1))	s 9
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1986	168, 1986	18 Dec 1986	s 5(1) and Sch 1: 18 Dec 1986 (s 2(1))	s 5(1)
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1987	141, 1987	18 Dec 1987	s 5(1) and Sch 1: 18 Dec 1987 (s 2(1))	s 5(1)
Family Law Amendment Act 1987	181, 1987	26 Dec 1987	1 Apr 1988 (s 2 and gaz 1988, No S83)	s 64–68
as amended by				
Family Court of Australia (Additional Jurisdiction and Exercise of Powers) Act 1988	8, 1988	5 Apr 1988	s 44 and 45: 1 July 1988 (s 2(3) and gaz 1988, No S191)	—
Family Court of Australia (Additional Jurisdiction and Exercise of Powers) Act 1988	8, 1988	5 Apr 1988	s 6–11, 12(b), (c), (e), (f), 13–21, 27, 29, 30): 5 Apr 1988 (s 2(1)) s 12(a) and (d): 1 Jan 1990 (s 2(2)) s 22–26 and 28: 1 July 1988 (s 2(3) and gaz 1988, No S191)	—

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Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988	120, 1988	14 Dec 1988	s 35: 5 Apr 1988 (s 2(6))	—
Statutory Instruments (Tabling and Disallowance) Legislation Amendment Act 1988	99, 1988	2 Dec 1988	Sch: 2 Dec 1988 (s 2)	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988	120, 1988	14 Dec 1988	s 36–39: 14 Dec 1988 (s 2(1))	s 37(2), 38(2) and 39(2)
Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989	124, 1989	21 Sept 1989	s 190–195: 1 Oct 1989 (s 2(1) and gaz 1989, No S314)	—
Courts and Tribunals Administration Amendment Act 1989	157, 1989	5 Dec 1989	s 11–13, 23: 1 Jan 1990 (s 2(2) and gaz 1989, No S398)	s 23
Family Law Amendment Act 1989	182, 1989	28 Dec 1989	25 Jan 1990	s 21(2) and 23(2)
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1990	115, 1990	21 Dec 1990	Sch: 21 Dec 1990 (s 2(1))	—
Child Support Legislation Amendment Act 1990	138, 1990	28 Dec 1990	s 14, 15: 28 Dec 1990 (s 2)	—
Family Law Amendment Act 1991	37, 1991	27 Mar 1991	24 Apr 1991	—
Courts (Mediation and Arbitration) Act 1991	113, 1991	27 June 1991	s 4–9: 27 Dec 1991 (s 2(3))	—

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Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 1991	122, 1991	27 June 1991	s 31(2) and Sch: 10 Dec 1991 (s 3 and gaz 1991, No S332)	s 31(2)
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1991	136, 1991	12 Sept 1991	Sch: 10 Oct 1991 (s 2(1))	—
Family Law Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991	159, 1991	25 Oct 1991	25 Oct 1991 (s 2)	—
Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment Act 1991	199, 1991	18 Dec 1991	Sch 3: 18 Dec 1991 (s 2)	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1992	22, 1992	13 Apr 1992	Sch: 13 Apr 1992 (s 2(1))	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1992	23, 1992	6 May 1992	Sch: 6 May 1992 (s 2)	—
Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 1992	94, 1992	30 June 1992	Sch: 1 July 1990 (s 2(2))	—
Territories Law Reform Act 1992	104, 1992	30 June 1992	Sch 4: 1 July 1992 (s 2(3))	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1992	143, 1992	7 Dec 1992	Sch: 1 Nov 1991 (s 2(3)) Sch (new s 37C added): 7 Dec 1992 (s 2(1))	—
Social Security Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1992	229, 1992	24 Dec 1992	Sch 4 (items 1–3): 24 Dec 1992 (s 2(1)(g))	—

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Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1994	84, 1994	23 June 1994	s 35: 1 Nov 1991 (s 2(5))	—
Family Law Reform Act 1995	167, 1995	16 Dec 1995	s 1, 2 and 54: 16 Dec 1995 (s 2(1)) s. 52: 25 Jan 1996 (s 2(2) and gaz 1996, No S27) Remainder: 11 June 1996 (s 2(2) and gaz 1996, No GN5)	s 52(2) and 59
Statute Law Revision Act 1996	43, 1996	25 Oct 1996	Sch 4 (items 72–74): 25 Oct 1996 (s 2(1))	—
Family Law Amendment Act 1997	25, 1997	10 Apr 1997	10 Apr 1997 (s 2)	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1997	34, 1997	17 Apr 1997	Sch 7: 17 Apr 1997 (s 2(1))	—
Child Support Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997	84, 1997	23 June 1997	Sch 1 (items 40, 41): 21 July 1997 (s 2(1))	—
Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 1997	152, 1997	24 Oct 1997	Sch 2 (items 751–759): 1 Jan 1998 (s 2(2))	—
Family Law Amendment Act (No. 1) 1998	89, 1998	14 July 1998	Sch 2 (item 34): 14 July 1998 (s 2)	—
Statute Stocktake Act 1999	118, 1999	22 Sept 1999	22 Sept 1999 (s 2(1))	—
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act 1999	146, 1999	11 Nov 1999	Sch 1 (items 439–454): 5 Dec 1999 (s 2(1), (2))	—

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Corporate Law Economic Reform Program Act 1999	156, 1999	24 Nov 1999	Sch 10 (item 83): 13 Mar 2000 (s 2(2)(c) and gaz 2000, No S114)	—
Federal Magistrates (Consequential Amendments) Act 1999	194, 1999	23 Dec 1999	Sch 11: 23 Dec 1999 (s 2(1))	—
Child Support Legislation Amendment Act 2000	49, 2000	3 May 2000	Sch 1 (item 5): 3 May 2000 (s 2)	—
Family Law Amendment Act 2000	143, 2000	29 Nov 2000	Sch 1, Sch 2 and Sch 3 (items 6–31, 32–40A, 42–116): 27 Dec 2000 (s 2(1)) Sch 3 (item 31A): 29 Nov 2000 (s 2(1A)) Sch 3 (item 41): 1 July 1988 (s 2(2))	Sch 1 (item 31) and Sch 3 (items 20, 24, 40, 56, 56B, 75, 83)
Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2000	161, 2000	21 Dec 2000	Sch 1 (item 3): 21 Dec 2000 (s 2)	Sch 1 (item 16)
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001	24, 2001	6 Apr 2001	s 4(1), (2) and Sch 27: 24 May 2001 (s 2(1)(a))	s 4(1) and (2)
Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Act 2001	61, 2001	28 June 2001	s 4, 5 and Sch 1 (items 3, 4): 28 Dec 2002 (s 2(2))	s 4 and 5

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Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2002	86, 2002	11 Oct 2002	Sch 5 (item 10): 1 Jan 2003 (s 2(1) item 4)	—
Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2001	114, 2001	18 Sept 2001	Sch 1 (items 1–2A): 28 Dec 2002 (s 2)	—
Abolition of Compulsory Age Retirement (Statutory Officeholders) Act 2001	159, 2001	1 Oct 2001	Sch 1 (items 52–56): 29 Oct 2001 (s 2(1))	Sch 1 (item 97)
Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Act 2002	69, 2002	3 Sept 2002	Sch 1: 1 Aug 2003 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2002	86, 2002	11 Oct 2002	Sch 5 (items 1–9): 1 Jan 2003 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2002	121, 2002	2 Dec 2002	Sch 1: 28 Dec 2002 (s 2(1) item 2)	—

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Family Law Amendment Act 2003	138, 2003	17 Dec 2003	Sch 1–3, Sch 4 (items 1, 3, 6–8, 14–19, 23, 24), Sch 5 (items 2, 3) and Sch 7 (items 1–19, 21–24, 27–29A, 32–35): 14 Jan 2004 (s 2(1) items 2–5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25) Sch 4 (items 2, 4, 5, 9–13, 20–22, 25–27), Sch 5 (items 1A, 1, 4) and Sch 7 (items 20, 25, 26, 30, 31): 27 Dec 2000 (s 2(1) items 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24) Sch 6: 17 Dec 2004 (s 2(1) item 18) Remainder: 17 Dec 2003 (s 2(1) items 1, 14A)	Sch 2 (item 9), Sch 3 (item 29), Sch 4A (item 6), Sch 6 (item 2) and Sch 7 (item 35)
Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003	140, 2003	17 Dec 2003	Sch 1 (items 19–22): 1 Jan 2005 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Act 2004	153, 2004	15 Dec 2004	s 4: 15 Dec 2004 (s 2(1) item 1) Sch 1: 17 Dec 2004 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 2: 15 June 2005 (s 2(1) item 3)	s 4
Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Act 2005	20, 2005	18 Mar 2005	Sch 1 (items 9–60): 18 Sept 2005 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 5: 15 Apr 2005 (s 2(1) item 4)	Sch 1 (item 60)

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Family Law Amendment Act 2005	98, 2005	6 July 2005	Sch 1 (items 1–137): 3 Aug 2005 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 1 (item 139): 18 Sept 2005 (s 2(1) item 4)	Sch 1 (items 4, 7, 14, 22, 35, 129, 131, 133, 135)
Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Act 2006	22, 2006	6 Apr 2006	Sch 1 (items 10–27): 1 July 2006 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 1 (items 28–30): 3 Aug 2005 (s 2(1) items 3–5)	Sch 1 (item 27)
Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court Legislation Amendment Act 2006	23, 2006	6 Apr 2006	Sch 2 (items 1, 2): 4 May 2006 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act 2006	46, 2006	22 May 2006	Sch 1, 2, Sch 3 (item 2–8), Sch 4 (items 9–86, 118–138, 139), Sch 5–7, Sch 8 (items 40–101, 103, 104) and Sch 9 (items 6–16, 18–41, 43–66): 1 July 2006 (s 2(1) items 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10) Sch 4 (items 1–8) and Sch 10: 22 May 2006 (s 2(1) items 4, 10)	Sch 1 (items 42–44), Sch 2 (items 8–10), Sch 3 (item 8), Sch 4 (items 118–138, 139), Sch 5 (items 14–16), Sch 6 (items 2–4), Sch 7 (item 2), Sch 8 (items 103, 104) and Sch 9 (items 65, 66)
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Act 2006	82, 2006	30 June 2006	Sch 8: 1 July 2006 (s 2(1) item 8)	Sch 8 (items 12–29)

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Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Act 2006	146, 2006	6 Dec 2006	Sch 2 (items 111–115): 1 July 2008 (s 2(1) item 3) Sch 3 (item 75): 1 Jan 2007 (s 2(1) item 5)	Sch 2 (item 115)
as amended by				
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Act 2007	82, 2007	21 June 2007	Sch 1 (item 99): 1 Jan 2008 (s 2(1) item 5)	—
Statute Law Revision Act 2010	8, 2010	1 Mar 2010	Sch 2 (items 2, 3): 1 July 2008 (s 2(1) item 6)	—
Judiciary Legislation Amendment Act 2006	151, 2006	7 Dec 2006	Sch 1 (item 6): 7 Dec 2006 (s 2)	—
Statute Law Revision Act 2007	8, 2007	15 Mar 2007	Sch 1 (items 9, 10): 15 Mar 2007 (s 2(1) item 8)	—
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Simplification) Act 2007	15, 2007	15 Mar 2007	Sch 1 (items 10–16, 406(1)–(3)): 15 Mar 2007 (s 2(1) item 2)	Sch 1 (item 406(1)–(3))

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Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Act 2007	82, 2007	21 June 2007	Sch 1 (item 99): 1 Jan 2008 (s 2(1) item 5) Sch 2 (items 101–113): 19 July 2007 (s 2(1) item 10)	—
Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Act 2007	116, 2007	28 June 2007	Sch 1 (items 3, 4): 26 July 2007 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Act 2008	26, 2008	23 June 2008	Sch 1 (items 61–64): 23 June 2008 (s 2(1) item 4)	—
Statute Law Revision Act 2008	73, 2008	3 July 2008	Sch 4 (items 289–293): 4 July 2008 (s 2(1) item 64)	—
Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Act 2008	115, 2008	21 Nov 2008	Sch 1 (items 1–4, 6–20, 22–93) and Sch 4 (item 1): 1 Mar 2009 (s 2(1) items 2, 2B, 2D, 7) Sch 1 (items 5, 21), Sch 3, Sch 3A and Sch 4 (items 1A, 1B): 21 Nov 2008 (s 2(1) items 1, 2A, 2C, 6, 6A)	Sch 1 (items 85–93) and Sch 3A (item 9)
Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Act 2008	144, 2008	9 Dec 2008	Sch 2 (items 52A–52C): 10 Dec 2008 (s 2(1) item 11)	Sch 2 (item 52C)

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Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Act 2009	117, 2009	4 Dec 2009	Sch 3 (items 1–6, 14): 1 Jan 2010 (s 2(1) item 3)	Sch 3 (item 14)
Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Act (No. 1) 2009	122, 2009	7 Dec 2009	Sch 3 (items 2, 5): 7 Dec 2009 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 5: 4 Jan 2010 (s 2(1) item 3)	Sch 3 (item 5) and Sch 5 (items 8, 8A, 17)
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act 2010	3, 2010	19 Feb 2010	Sch 2 (item 10): 20 Feb 2010 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Statute Law Revision Act 2010	8, 2010	1 Mar 2010	Sch 1 (item 28): 1 Mar 2010 (s 2(1) item 4) Sch 2 (items 2, 3): 1 July 2008 (s 2(1) item 6)	—
Trans-Tasman Proceedings (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2010	36, 2010	13 Apr 2010	Sch 2 (items 13–16): 11 Oct 2013 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Parenting Orders and Other Measures) Act 2010	147, 2010	16 Dec 2010	17 Dec 2010 (s 2)	Sch 2 (item 3)
Statute Law Revision Act 2011	5, 2011	22 Mar 2011	Sch 7 (item 58): 19 Apr 2011 (s 2(1) item 18)	—
Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Act 2011	21, 2011	12 Apr 2011	Sch 1 (items 4, 5): 13 Apr 2011 (s 2)	—

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Acts Interpretation Amendment Act 2011	46, 2011	27 June 2011	Sch 2 (items 584–592) and Sch 3 (items 10, 11): 27 Dec 2011 (s 2(1) items 3, 12)	Sch 3 (items 10, 11)
Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2011	58, 2011	28 June 2011	Sch 1 (items 83, 84): 1 July 2011 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Crimes Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 2011	174, 2011	5 Dec 2011	Sch 2 (items 155–194): 5 June 2012 (s 2(1) item 4)	Sch 2 (item 194)
Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2011	189, 2011	7 Dec 2011	Sch 1: 7 June 2012 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 2 (items 3–29, 31–38): 7 Dec 2011 (s 2(1) items 4, 6) Sch 2 (item 30): 4 Jan 2012 (s 2(1) item 5)	Sch 1 (items 44–48) and Sch 2 (items 31–38)
Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Act 2012	32, 2012	10 Apr 2012	Sch 2: 21 Apr 2012 (s 2(1) item 3)	Sch 2 (item 4)
Parliamentary Counsel and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012	107, 2012	22 July 2012	Sch 2 (item 8): 1 Oct 2012 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Statute Law Revision Act 2012	136, 2012	22 Sept 2012	Sch 1 (items 53, 54): 22 Sept 2012 (s 2(1) item 2)	—

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Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Act 2012	186, 2012	11 Dec 2012	Sch 2 (items 1, 11) and Sch 4: 12 Dec 2012 (s 2(1) items 2, 4) Sch 3 (items 1–4, 11, 12): 11 June 2013 (s 2(1) item 3)	Sch 2 (item 11), Sch 3 (items 11, 12) and Sch 4 (item 12)
Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Act 2012	187, 2012	11 Dec 2012	Sch 1 (items 1–13): 12 Apr 2013 (s 2(1) item 2)	Sch 1 (item 13)
Public Service Amendment Act 2013	2, 2013	14 Feb 2013	Sch 3 (item 4): 1 July 2013 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013	7, 2013	12 Mar 2013	Sch 2 (items 1–16, 25–28): 1 July 2013 (s 2(1) item 3)	Sch 2 (item 25–28)
Federal Circuit Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments) Act 2013	13, 2013	14 Mar 2013	Sch 1 (items 264–307) and Sch 2 (item 2): 12 Apr 2013 (s 2(1) items 2, 3) Sch 3 (item 47): 11 June 2013 (s 2(1) item 8)	—
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2014	62, 2014	30 June 2014	Sch 6 (items 41, 42), Sch 9 (items 12–20) and Sch 14: 1 July 2014 (s 2(1) items 6, 14)	Sch 14
as amended by				
Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2015	36, 2015	13 Apr 2015	Sch 2 (items 7–9) and Sch 7: 14 Apr 2015 (s 2)	Sch 7

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as amended by				
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2015	126, 2015	10 Sept 2015	Sch 1 (item 486): 5 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2015	126, 2015	10 Sept 2015	Sch 1 (item 495): 5 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Act 2015	10, 2015	5 Mar 2015	Sch 1 (items 128–135, 166–179): 5 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 2)	Sch 1 (items 166–179)
as amended by				
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2015	126, 2015	10 Sept 2015	Sch 3 (item 1): 5 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 8)	—
Statute Law Amendment (Prescribed Forms and Other Updates) Act 2023	74, 2023	20 Sept 2023	Sch 6 (item 1): 18 Oct 2023 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Act 2015	59, 2015	26 May 2015	Sch 2 (items 152–155): 1 July 2016 (s 2(1) item 5) Sch 2 (items 356–396): 18 June 2015 (s 2(1) item 6)	Sch 2 (items 356–396)

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as amended by				
Territories Legislation Amendment Act 2016	33, 2016	23 Mar 2016	Sch 2: 24 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2015	113, 2015	17 Aug 2015	Sch 3 and Sch 4 (items 12–15): 18 Aug 2015 (s 2(1) item 2)	Sch 3 (item 6) and Sch 4 (item 15)
Passports Legislation Amendment (Integrity) Act 2015	122, 2015	10 Sept 2015	Sch 1 (item 100): 8 Oct 2015 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2015	126, 2015	10 Sept 2015	Sch 1 (item 224): 5 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 2 (items 1, 2, 7): 10 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) items 4, 7)	Sch 2 (item 7)
Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Act 2015	132, 2015	13 Oct 2015	Sch 1 (item 34): 14 Oct 2015 (s 2(1) item 2)	—
Statute Law Revision Act (No. 1) 2016	4, 2016	11 Feb 2016	Sch 4 (items 1, 166): 10 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 6)	—
Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Act 2016	24, 2016	18 Mar 2016	Sch 2 (items 1–88): 1 July 2016 (s 2(1) item 4) Sch 2 (items 89–103): 1 Jan 2018 (s 2(1) item 5) Sch 6: 18 Mar 2016 (s 2(1) item 9)	Sch 6
Trade Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2016	31, 2016	23 Mar 2016	Sch 2 (item 17): 1 May 2016 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Statute Update Act 2016	61, 2016	23 Sept 2016	Sch 3 (item 20): 21 Oct 2016 (s 2(1) item 1)	—

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Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Act 2016	67, 2016	20 Oct 2016	Sch 1 (item 28): 17 Nov 2016	—
Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017	129, 2017	8 Dec 2017	Sch 3 (items 9–21) and Sch 4: 9 Dec 2017 (s 2(1) item 7)	Sch 3 (item 21) and Sch 4
as amended by				
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2021	13, 2021	1 Mar 2021	Sch 2 (item 540): 1 Sept 2021 (s 2(1) item 5)	—
Legislation Amendment (Sunsetting Review and Other Measures) Act 2018	78, 2018	24 Aug 2018	Sch 1 (items 6–12): 25 Aug 2018 (s 2(1) item 2)	Sch 1 (item 12)
Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2018	97, 2018	31 Aug 2018	Sch 1 (items 1–24, 30): 1 Sept 2018 (s 2(1) items 2, 3, 5)	Sch 1 (items 5, 7, 12, 15, 20, 24)
Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2018	130, 2018	25 Oct 2018	Sch 6 (items 1–3, 3A, 3B, 4–18, 21–41): 26 Oct 2018 (s 2(1) item 8) Sch 6 (items 42–47, 47A, 47B, 47C, 48–52, 52A, 53–55): 25 Apr 2019 (s 2(1) item 9) Sch 6 (items 56, 57): 22 Nov 2018 (s 2(1) item 10)	Sch 6 (items 3B, 7, 18, 31, 34, 36, 41, 56(2)) and Sch 6 (items 52, 52A)

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Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Cross examination of Parties) Act 2018	159, 2018	10 Dec 2018	Sch 1: 10 Mar 2019 (s 2(1) item 1)	Sch 1 (item 2)
Family Law Amendment (Risk Screening Protections) Act 2020	98, 2020	20 Nov 2020	Sch 1 (items 1–3): 27 Nov 2020 (s 2(1) item 2) Sch 1 (items 4–6): 1 Sept 2021 (s 2(1) item 3) Note: This amending title was affected by an editorial change (see C2021C00354)	Sch 1 (item 3)
Family Law Amendment (Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy) Act 2020	112, 2020	8 Dec 2020	Sch 1 and Sch 4 (items 1–3, 5): 28 Sept 2022 (s 2(1) item 1)	Sch 4 (items 1–3, 5)
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2021	13, 2021	1 Mar 2021	Sch 1 (items 1–177, 228–237) and Sch 5 (items 1–13, 32–38): 1 Sept 2021 (s 2(1) items 2, 15) Sch 1 (items 243–253, 273, 274): 1 Mar 2023 (s 2(1) item 4) Sch 4 (items 7–10): 28 Sept 2022 (s 2(1) item 9)	Sch 1 (items 228–237, 273, 274), and Sch 5 (items 1–13, 32–38)
Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 6) Act 2021	111, 2021	13 Sept 2021	Sch 5 (items 1, 3): 1 Apr 2022 (s 2(1) item 6) Sch 5 (items 4, 6): 28 Sept 2022 (s 2(1) item 7)	Sch 5 (item 3) and Sch 5 (item 6)

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Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Act 2022	3, 2022	17 Feb 2022	Sch 2 (items 1, 2, 10–12): 18 Feb 2022 (s 2(1) items 4, 5) Sch 2 (items 13, 14, 18): never commenced (s 2(1) items 6, 7)	Sch 2 (items 2, 11, 12)
Statute Law Amendment (Prescribed Forms and Other Updates) Act 2023	74, 2023	20 Sept 2023	Sch 2 (items 1–3) and Sch 4 (items 41–45): 18 Oct 2023 (s 2(1) item 3)	—
Family Law Amendment Act 2023	87, 2023	6 Nov 2023	Sch 1, Sch 2 (items 2–30, 34–36), Sch 3, Sch 4, Sch 5 (items 1–11, 13–18), Sch 6 (items 1–9) and Sch 7: 6 May 2024 (s 2(1) items 2, 3, 8–12)	Sch 1 (items 12, 25, 27), Sch 2 (item 36), Sch 3 (item 7), Sch 4 (items 3, 6), Sch 5 (items 13, 14, 18) and Sch 6 (items 8, 9)
Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Act 2023	88, 2023	6 Nov 2023	6 May 2024 (s 2(1) item 1)	Sch 1 (item 9)
Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Immunity) Act 2023	102, 2023	27 Nov 2023	Sch 1 (items 1, 5): 28 Nov 2023 (s 2(1) item 1)	Sch 1 (item 5)
Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Act 2024	41, 2024	11 June 2024	Sch 4 (items 1–7): 12 June 2024 (s 2(1) item 5)	Sch 4 (item 7)

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Family Law Amendment Act 2024	118, 2024	10 Dec 2024	Sch 1 (items 1–79, 81– 99), Sch 2, Sch 3 (items 1A–17, 30–32) and Sch 4 (items 1–11, 15–17): 10 June 2025 (s 2(1) items 2–8A, 9, 11, 12) Sch 3 (items 18–29) and Sch 4 (items 18–29, 32– 40): 11 Dec 2024 (s 2(1) items 8, 13, 13A)	Sch 1 (items 68, 79, 87, 99), Sch 3 (items 1B, 12, 17), Sch 3 (item 22), Sch 3 (item 32), Sch 4 (items 15, 17) and Sch 4 (item 32)

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Provision affected	How affected
Title.....	am No 181, 1987; No 167, 1995; No 115, 2008
Part I	
s 3.....	am No 23, 1979; No 118, 1999 ed C84
s 4.....	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 2, 1982; No 72, 1983; No 63, 1984; No 72, 1984; No 181, 1987; No 157, 1989; No 182, 1989; No 113, 1991; No 104, 1992; No 167, 1995; No 146, 1999; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 86, 2002; No 138, 2003; No 20, 2005; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 46, 2006; No 115, 2008; No 144, 2008; No 122, 2009; No 3, 2010; No 58, 2011; No 174, 2011; No 189, 2011; No 187, 2012; No 7, 2013; No 13, 2013; No 24, 2016; No 129, 2017; No 97, 2018; No 130, 2018; No 98, 2020; No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023; No 88, 2023; No 118, 2024
s. 4AA.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 4AB.....	ad No 189, 2011 am No 118, 2024
s. 4A.....	ad. No. 138, 2003 am. No. 115, 2008
s. 4B.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 4C.....	ad. No. 174, 2011
s. 5.....	rs. No. 63, 1976; No. 72, 1983 rep. No. 181, 1987 ad. No. 20, 2005
s. 5A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 rep. No. 181, 1987
s. 7.....	rs. No. 104, 1992
s. 7A.....	ad. No. 24, 2001
s 8.....	am No 13, 2021
s 9.....	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 181, 1987 ed C82

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	rep No 13, 2021
Part IA	
Part IA.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 9A.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 10.....	am. Nos. 63 and 95, 1976; No. 72, 1983
	rep. No. 181, 1987
Part II	
Part II	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
Division 1	
s 10A.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 118, 2024
s 10AA	ad No 118, 2024
Division 2	
s. 10B	ad. No. 46, 2006
	am No 130, 2018
s 10C	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 113, 2015; No 24, 2016; No 13, 2021
s. 10D.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 10E	ad. No. 46, 2006
Division 3	
s. 10F	ad. No. 46, 2006
	am No 130, 2018
s 10G.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 8, 2007; No 13, 2013; No 113, 2015; No 24, 2016; No 13, 2021
s. 10H.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 10J	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 10K.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
Division 3A	
Division 3A.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KA	ad No 118, 2024

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s 10KB	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KC	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KD	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KE	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KF	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KG	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KH	ad No 118, 2024
s 10KI	ad No 118, 2024
Division 4	
s 10L	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 115, 2008; No 112, 2020; No 118, 2024
s. 10M	ad. No. 46, 2006
s 10N	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 118, 2024
s 10P	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2021; No 102, 2023
Division 5	
Division 5	ad No 87, 2023
s 10PA	ad No 87, 2023
Part IIA	
Part IIA	ad No 98, 2020
Division 1	
s 10Q	ad No 98, 2020
	am No 98, 2020
s 10R	ad No 98, 2020
	am No 98, 2020
s 10S	ad No 98, 2020
s 10T	ad No 98, 2020
Division 2	
s 10U	ad No 98, 2020
s 10V	ad No 98, 2020

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Provision affected	How affected
s 10W	ad No 98, 2020 am No 98, 2020
Part III	
Part III heading	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
Part III	rs. No. 46, 2006
Division 1	
Division 1 heading	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 11	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 11A	ad. No. 46, 2006
s 11B	ad No 46, 2006 am No 7, 2013; No 13, 2013; No 24, 2016; No 13, 2021
s 11C	ad No 46, 2006 am No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021
s 11D	ad No 46, 2006 am No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023
Division 2	
Division 2	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006
s 11E	ad No 46, 2006 am No 7, 2013; No 13, 2013; No 24, 2016; No 13, 2021
s. 11F	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011
s. 11G	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011
Division 3	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Division 4 heading	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 5 heading.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Subdivision A heading.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Subdivision B heading.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Subdivision C heading.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Division 6	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
Part IIIAA	
Part IIIAA	ad No 87, 2023
s 11H.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 11J	ad No 87, 2023
s 11K.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 11L	ad No 87, 2023
s 11M	ad No 87, 2023
Part IIIA	
Part IIIA heading	rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 46, 2006
Part IIIA.....	ad. No. 113, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 46, 2006
Division 1	
Division 1 heading.....	rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 12.....	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 12A.....	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 8, 2007

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 2	
Division 2 heading.....	rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 12B.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 12C.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 12D.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
Division 3	
Division 3 heading.....	rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 12E.....	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011
s. 12F.....	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 130, 2018
s. 12G.....	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 8, 2010; No. 189, 2011
Part IIIB	
Part IIIB.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
Division 1	
s. 13.....	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 13A.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 46, 2006 rs. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 118, 2024
Division 2	
s. 13B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 46, 2006 rs. No. 46, 2006
Division 3	
s. 13C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011; No 118, 2024
s 13D.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 194, 1999
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 118, 2024
Division 4	
s 13E	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 115, 2008; No 118, 2024
s 13F	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006; No 118, 2024
s 13G.....	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021; No 41, 2024; No 118, 2024
s 13H.....	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 118, 2024
s 13J	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021; No 41, 2024; No 118, 2024
s 13K.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s. 14.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 182, 1989
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14A.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14B	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999; No. 98, 2005
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14D.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14E.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14F.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14G.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 14H.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 15.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995; No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 15A.....	ad. No. 194, 1999
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 16.....	rs. No. 63, 1976
	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 16A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983
	am. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 16B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 16C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 17.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 18.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 72, 1983
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 19.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19A.....	ad. No. 113, 1991
	am. No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19AAA.....	ad. No. 194, 1999
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19AA.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19B.....	ad. No. 113, 1991
	am. No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19BAA.....	ad. No. 194, 1999
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19BA.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19C.....	ad. No. 113, 1991
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 19D.....	ad. No. 113, 1991
	am. No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19E.....	ad. No. 113, 1991
	am. No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 98, 2005
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19EA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19EB.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 19F	ad. No. 113, 1991 am. No. 143, 2000; No. 46, 2006 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19FA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19G.....	ad. No. 113, 1991 rs. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19GA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19H.....	ad. No. 113, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19J	ad. No. 113, 1991 am. No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19K.....	ad. No. 113, 1991 am. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19L	ad. No. 113, 1991 am. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19M.....	ad. No. 113, 1991 am. No. 167, 1995; No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19N.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19P	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 19Q.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
Part IV.....	rep No 13, 2021
Division 1 heading.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 20.....	am No 72, 1983; No 8, 1988; No 138, 2003; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 2 heading.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 21.....	am No 8, 1988; No 24, 2016; No 130, 2018
	rep No 13, 2021
s 21A.....	ad No 72, 1983
	rep No 13, 2021
s 21B.....	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 8, 1988; No 117, 2009; No 187, 2012; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 3 heading.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 22.....	am No 63, 1976; No 102, 1977; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 143, 1992; No 84, 1994; No 143, 2000; No 73, 2008; No 117, 2009; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 23.....	am No 8, 1988; No 143, 1992; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s. 23A.....	ad No 102, 1977
	rep No 159, 1991
s 24.....	am No. 8, 1988; No 189, 2011; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 25.....	rs No 63, 1976

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 8, 1988; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26.....	am No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 4	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26A.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26B	ad No 8, 1988
	am No 167, 1995; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26C	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26D.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26E	ad No 8, 1988
	am No 99, 1988
	rs No 140, 2003
	am No 10, 2015; No 24, 2016; No 78, 2018
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26F	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26G.....	ad No 8, 1988
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26H.....	ad No 8, 1988
	am No 159, 2001
	rep No 13, 2021
s 26I	ad No 8, 1988
	am No 159, 2001
	rep No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
s 26J	ad No 8, 1988 am No 43, 1996 rep No 13, 2021
s 26JA	ad No 122, 1991 am No 146, 1999; No 24, 2016 rep No 13, 2021
s 26K	ad No 8, 1988 rs No 143, 1992 rep No 13, 2021
s 26L	ad No 8, 1988 rep No 13, 2021
s 26M	ad No 8, 1988 am No 24, 2016 rep No 13, 2021
s 26N	ad No 8, 1988 rep No 13, 2021
Division 5 heading	ad No 8, 1988 rep No 13, 2021
s 27	rs No 138, 2003 am No 24, 2016 rep No 13, 2021
s 27A	ad No 98, 2005 rep No 13, 2021
s 28	am No 63, 1976; No 102, 1977; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 97, 2018 rep No 13, 2021
s 29	am No 63, 1976 rep No 72, 1983
s 30	am No 63, 1976; No 73, 2008; No 24, 2016 rep No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
s 31.....	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 120, 1988; No 194, 1999; No 69, 2002; No 82, 2007; No 73, 2008; No 115, 2008 rep No 13, 2021
s 32.....	rep No. 209, 1976
s 33.....	rep No 13, 2021
s 33A.....	ad No 194, 1999 am No 143, 2000; No 98, 2005; No 13, 2013 rep No 13, 2021
s 33B.....	ad No 194, 1999 am No 23, 2006; No 13, 2013 rep No 13, 2021
s 33C.....	ad No 194, 1999 am No 23, 2006; No 13, 2013; No 10, 2015; No 126, 2015 rep No 13, 2021
s 34.....	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 194, 1999; No 138, 2003 rep No 13, 2021
s 35.....	rep No 13, 2021
Division 6 heading.....	ad No 8, 1988 rep No 13, 2021
s 36.....	am No 181, 1987; No 130, 2018 rep No 13, 2021
s 37.....	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987 rs No 157, 1989 am No 194, 1999; No 46, 2006; No 24, 2016 rep No 13, 2021
s 37A.....	ad No 72, 1983 am No 72, 1984 rs No 193, 1985 am No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 99, 1988; No 167, 1995; No 146, 1999; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 140, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006; No 115, 2008; No 189, 2011; No 10, 2015; No 24, 2016; No 78, 2018

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 13, 2021
s 37AA.....	ad No 189, 2011
	rep No 13, 2021
s 37B.....	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 193, 1985; No 181, 1987; No 146, 1999; No 194, 1999; No 2, 2013; No 24, 2016
	ed C82
	am No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 37C.....	ad No 143, 1992
	am No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 7 heading.....	ad No 8, 1988
s 38.....	am No 72, 1983; No 8, 1988; No 194, 1999
	ed C82
	rep No 13, 2021
Part IVA.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 1 heading.....	rs No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38A.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 122, 2009; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38B.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BAA.....	ad No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BAB.....	ad No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 1AA.....	ad No 62, 2014

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 24, 2016
s 38BAA	ad No 62, 2014
	rep No 24, 2016
Division 1A.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BA	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BB	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BC	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38BD	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
Division 2 heading.....	rs No 7, 2013
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38C	ad No 157, 1989
	rs No 7, 2013
	am No 24, 2016
	rs No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38D.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38E	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38F	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 159, 2001; No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38G.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rs No 122, 1991
	am No 146, 1999; No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38H.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38J.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38K.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 122, 1991; No 94, 1992; No 26, 2008; No 58, 2011; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38L.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 7, 2013; No 62, 2014; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38M.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 46, 2011; No 7, 2013; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38N.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 113, 1991; No 146, 1999; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 46, 2006; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38P.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38Q.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rs No 146, 1999
	am No 7, 2013
	rep No 24, 2016
s 38R.....	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 46, 2006
	rep No 24, 2016
s 38S.....	ad No 157, 1989
	rs No 152, 1997

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 7, 2013; No 62, 2014; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38T	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 152, 1997
s. 38U	ad. No. 157, 1989
	rep. No. 152, 1997
s. 38V	ad. No. 157, 1989
	rep. No. 136, 1991
s 38W	ad No 157, 1989
	am No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38X	ad No 157, 1989
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38Y	ad No 187, 2012
	am No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
s 38Z	ad No 130, 2018
	rep No 13, 2021
Part V	
Part V heading	rs. No. 115, 2008
Division 1	
Division 1 heading	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 39	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 34, 1997; No 89, 1998; No 194, 1999; No 161, 2000; No 69, 2002; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 46, 2006; No 82, 2007; No 13, 2013; No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021
Division 2	
Division 2	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 39A	ad No 115, 2008
	am No 13, 2013
	am No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
s 39B	ad No 115, 2008 am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 39C	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 39D	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 39E	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 39F	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 39G	ad No 115, 2008 rs No 13, 2021
Division 2A	
Division 2A	ad No 112, 2020
s 39H	ad No 112, 2020
s 39J	ad No 112, 2020
Division 3	
Division 3 heading	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 40	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 89, 1998; No 194, 1999; No 32, 2012; No 10, 2015; No 13, 2021
s 40A	ad No 194, 1999 am No 13, 2013 rep No 13, 2021
s 41	am No 63, 1976; No 181, 1987; No 159, 1991; No 194, 1999; No 46, 2006; No 13, 2021
s. 42	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 194, 1999; No. 69, 2002
s 43	am No 181, 1987; No 167, 1995; No 115, 2008; No 189, 2011; No 129, 2017; No 13, 2021
s 44	am No 63, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 72, 1984; No 181, 1987; No 167, 1995; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 20, 2005; No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2013; No 130, 2018; No 112, 2020; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s. 44A	ad. No. 8, 1988; No. 98, 2005 am. No. 98, 2005
s 45	am No 63, 1976 rs No 23, 1979

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 20, 2005; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s 45A.....	ad No 194, 1999
	am No 143, 2000
	rep No 46, 2006
	ad No 97, 2018
	ed C92
	rep No 87, 2023
s 46.....	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987 (as am by No 8, 1988); No 8, 1988; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 186, 2012; No 13, 2013; No 97, 2018; No 13, 2021
s 46A.....	ad No 97, 2018
Division 4	
Division 4	ad No 13, 2021
s 47A.....	ad No 13, 2021
	am No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s 47B.....	ad No 13, 2021
s 47BA	ad No 13, 2021
s 47C.....	ad No 13, 2021
s 47D.....	ad No 13, 2021
s 47E.....	ad No 13, 2021
Part VI	
Part VI heading.....	rs. No. 98, 2005
s. 48.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 98, 2005
s. 50.....	am. No. 98, 2005
s. 51.....	rs. No. 209, 1976
s. 52.....	am. No. 98, 2005
s. 54.....	rep. No. 98, 2005
s 55.....	am No 181, 1987; No 98, 2005; No 189, 2011; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 55A.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 167, 1995; No. 98, 2005; No. 46, 2006; No 129, 2017

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Provision affected	How affected
s 56.....	am No 138, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 61, 2016; No 13, 2021
s. 57.....	rs. No. 98, 2005
s. 58.....	rs. No. 98, 2005
s 59.....	rs No 98, 2005
	am No 74, 2023
s 60.....	ad No 13, 2021
Part VII	
Part VII heading.....	rs. No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995
Part VII	rs. No. 167, 1995
Division 1	
Division 1	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
s. 60.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 72, 1984
	rs. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 182, 1989; Nos. 37 and 113, 1991; No. 22, 1992
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s 60A.....	ad No 72, 1983
	rs No 181, 1987
	am No 37, 1991
	rs No 167, 1995
	am No 189, 2011; No 87, 2023
s. 60AA	ad. No. 37, 1991
	rep. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision B	
Subdivision B heading.....	am No 87, 2023
s 60B	ad No 181, 1987
	rs No 167, 1995; No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rs No 87, 2023
	am No 118, 2024

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Provision affected	How affected
s 60C	ad No 181, 1987 rs No 167, 1995 am No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 46, 2006; No 189, 2011; No 87, 2023; No 118, 2024
Subdivision BA	
Subdivision BA heading.....	rs. No. 189, 2011
Subdivision BA.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 60CA	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 60CB	ad. No. 46, 2006
s 60CC	ad No 46, 2006 am No 189, 2011; No 97, 2018 rs No 87, 2023
s 60CD	ad No 46, 2006 am No 87, 2023
s. 60CE.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 60CF	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 60CG	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 60CH	ad. No. 189, 2011
s 60CI.....	ad No 189, 2011 am No 88, 2023
Subdivision BB	
Subdivision BB.....	ad No 189, 2011
s 60D.....	ad No 181, 1987 rep No 37, 1991 ad No 167, 1995 am No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000 rep No 46, 2006 ad No 189, 2011 am No 87, 2023; No 118, 2024
Subdivision C	
s. 60E	ad. No. 181, 1987

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 22, 1992
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am No 129, 2017
Subdivision D	
s. 60EA	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 46, 2011
s 60F	ad No 181, 1987
	rs No 167, 1995
	am No. 194, 1999; No 98, 2005; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2013; No 129, 2017; No 13, 2021
s 60G.....	ad No 181, 1987
	rs No 167, 1995
	am No 46, 2006; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2021
s 60H.....	ad No 181, 1987
	am No 22, 1992
	rs No 167, 1995
	am No 194, 1999; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s 60HA.....	ad No 115, 2008
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s 60HB	ad No 115, 2008
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
Subdivision E	
Subdivision E.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s 60I	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 115, 2008; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s 60J	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s. 60K.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 189, 2011
Division 2	
Division 2	ad. No. 181, 1987

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Provision affected	How affected
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 61	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979
	rs. No. 181, 1987
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 61A	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 61B	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 61C	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 69, 2002; No. 46, 2006; No. 74, 2023; No. 87, 2023
s. 61CA	ad. No. 87, 2023
s. 61D	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 87, 2023
s. 61DA	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 87, 2023
s. 61DB	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 87, 2023
s. 61DAA	ad. No. 87, 2023
s. 61DAB	ad. No. 87, 2023
s. 61E	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 61F	ad. No. 46, 2006
	am. No. 87, 2023
Division 3	
Division 3 heading	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
Division 3	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 62	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979; No. 72, 1983
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 62A	ad. No. 72, 1983
	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 62B	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 62C	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 62CA	ad. No. 194, 1999 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 62D	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 62E	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 62F	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 62G	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 46, 2006; No. 189, 2011
s. 62H	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
Division 4	
Division 4	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 63	am. No. 23, 1979 rs. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 63A	ad. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 124, 1989 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 63B	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 138, 2003
s. 63C	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 34, 1997; No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006; No. 87, 2023
s. 63CAA	ad. No. 34, 1997
s. 63D	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999 rs. No. 138, 2003
s. 63DA	ad. No. 143, 2000 rs. No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011; No. 87, 2023
s. 63DB	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 63E	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 69, 2002 rs. No. 138, 2003 am. No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006
s. 63F	ad. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000; No. 69, 2002; No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006; No. 87, 2023
s. 63G	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 34, 1997; No. 138, 2003; No. 146, 2006
s. 63H	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006
Division 5	
Division 5 heading	ad. No. 181, 1983 rs. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 64.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979; No. 72, 1983; No. 72, 1984; No. 181, 1987; No. 8, 1988; No. 182, 1989; No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 64A.....	ad. No. 182, 1989 am. No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 64B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999; No. 46, 2006; No. 189, 2011; No. 13, 2013; No. 13, 2021; No. 87, 2023
s. 64C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 64D.....	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 65.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 6	
Division 6	ad. No. 181, 1983 rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
s. 65A.....	ad. No. 120, 1988 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 46, 2006; No. 87, 2023
s. 65AA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000 rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 65B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision B	
s. 65C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000
s. 65D.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000; No. 69, 2002; No. 46, 2006; No. 13, 2013; No. 13, 2021; No. 87, 2023
s. 65DAAA	ad. No. 87, 2023
s. 65DAA	ad. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 147, 2010; No 189, 2011; No 136, 2012
	rep No 87, 2023
s. 65DAB	ad. No. 46, 2006
s. 65DAC	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s. 65DAE	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s. 65DA	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 65E	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 65F	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 98, 2005; No. 46, 2006; No 113, 2015
s. 65G	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 65H	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 65J	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 65K	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 65L	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 65LA	ad. No. 138, 2003
	am. No. 98, 2005; No. 46, 2006
s. 65LB	ad. No. 46, 2006
Subdivision C heading	rs No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision C	rep No 87, 2023
s. 65M	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s. 65N	ad No 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	rs No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65NA.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65P	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65Q.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000; No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision D	rep No 87, 2023
s 65R.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65S	ad No 167, 1995
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65T	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 138, 2003
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65U.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000
	ed C84
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65V.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000
	rep No 87, 2023
s 65W	ad No 167, 1995
	ed C84
	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision E	
s 65X.....	ad No 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 46, 2006; No 130, 2018
s 65Y	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 24, 2001; No 46, 2006
	rs No 130, 2018
s 65YA	ad No 130, 2018
s 65Z	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 24, 2001; No 46, 2006
	rs No 130, 2018
s 65ZAA	ad No 130, 2018
s 65ZA	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 24, 2001; No 46, 2006; No 130, 2018
s 65ZB	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 24, 2001; No 46, 2006; No 113, 2015; No 130, 2018
s 65ZC	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 130, 2018
s 65ZD	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 130, 2018
s 65ZE	ad No 130, 2018
s. 66	rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 7	
Division 7	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
s. 66A	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 189, 2011
Subdivision B	
s. 66B	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66BA	ad. No. 124, 1989
	rs. No. 138, 1990

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66C.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66D.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 37, 1991
	rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision C	
s. 66E.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 37, 1991
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 146, 2006
Subdivision D	
s. 66F.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000
s. 66FA.....	ad. No. 22, 1992
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66G.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 82, 2007
s. 66H.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66J.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66K.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66L.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 74, 2023
s. 66M.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 138, 1990

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Provision affected	How affected
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 34, 1997; No. 144, 2008
s. 66N.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	am. No. 37, 1991
	rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision E	
s. 66P	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999
s. 66Q.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66R	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66S	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 138, 2003; No. 82, 2007
Subdivision EA	
Subdivision EA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 66SA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 146, 2006
Subdivision F	
s. 66T	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66U.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66V	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 66VA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 74, 2023
s. 66W.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 143, 2000

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Provision affected	How affected
Subdivision G	
Subdivision G	ad. No. 98, 2005
s. 66X	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995 ad. No. 98, 2005
s. 66Y	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66Z	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZA	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZB	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZC	ad. No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZD	ad. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 182, 1989; No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZDA	ad. No. 182, 1989 am. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 66ZE	ad. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 67	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 8	
Division 8	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
s. 67A	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 189, 2011; No 88, 2023
Subdivision B	
s. 67B	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67C	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67D	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999
s. 67E	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67F	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67G	ad. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision C	
s. 67H	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 146, 1999; No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 67J	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 138, 2003; No 118, 2024
s. 67K	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000; No 69, 2002; No 46, 2006; No 130, 2018
s. 67L	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 67M	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 69, 2002
s. 67N	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 69, 2002; No 118, 2024
s. 67NA	ad No 118, 2024
s. 67P	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 24, 2001; No. 69, 2002; No. 138, 2003
s. 67Q	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000; No 46, 2006; No 130, 2018; No 87, 2023
s. 67R	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67S	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67T	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 46, 2006
s. 67U.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67V.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 67W.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 138, 2003
s. 67X.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000
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s. 67Y.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 138, 2003
Subdivision D	
Subdivision D heading.....	rs. No. 189, 2011
s. 67Z.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 194, 1999; No 138, 2003; No 189, 2011; No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021
s. 67ZA.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000; No 46, 2006; No 189, 2011; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023; No 118, 2024
s. 67ZB.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 67ZBA.....	ad No 189, 2011
	am No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021
s. 67ZBB.....	ad No 189, 2011
	am No 88, 2023
Subdivision DA	
Subdivision DA.....	ad No 88, 2023
s. 67ZBC.....	ad No 88, 2023
s. 67ZBD.....	ad No 88, 2023
s. 67ZBE.....	ad No 88, 2023
s. 67ZBF.....	ad No 88, 2023
s. 67ZBG.....	ad No 88, 2023

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Provision affected	How affected
s 67ZBH.....	ad No 88, 2023
s 67ZBI	ad No 88, 2023
s 67ZBJ	ad No 88, 2023
s 67ZBK.....	ad No 88, 2023
s 67ZBL	ad No 88, 2023
Subdivision E	
s. 67ZC.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am No 69, 2002; No 46, 2006
s. 67ZD	ad. No. 167, 1995; No 122, 2015
s. 68.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987
	rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 9	
Division 9	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995
s. 68A.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 68B	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 68C	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000
Division 10	
Division 10	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
s. 68D.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68E	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68F	ad. No. 167, 1995
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68G.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 194, 1999
	rep. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 68H.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68J.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999; No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68K.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 68L.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000 rs. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 87, 2023
s. 68LA.....	ad. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011; No. 87, 2023
s. 68M.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006
Division 11	
Division 11 heading.....	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
Division 11.....	rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 68N.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 189, 2011; No. 87, 2023
s. 68P.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003 rs. No. 46, 2006 am. No. 97, 2018; No. 87, 2023
s. 68Q.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 68R.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 138, 2003 rs. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 113, 2015
s 68S	ad No 167, 1995
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 87, 2023
s 68T	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 194, 1999
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 97, 2018
s. 69.....	am. No. 72, 1984
	rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 12	
Division 12 heading.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 182, 1989; No. 167, 1995
Division 12	rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
s 69A.....	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 118, 2024
Subdivision B	
s. 69B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 146, 2006
s. 69C.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 136, 2012
s. 69D.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s 69E	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 69, 2002
s. 69F	ad. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision C	
s. 69G.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s 69GA.....	ad No 97, 2018
	am No 118, 2024
s 69H.....	ad No 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 194, 1999; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s 69J	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 22, 2006; No 46, 2006; No 97, 2018; No 118, 2024
s. 69K	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69L	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69M	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69MA	ad. No. 194, 1999
	rep. No. 143, 2000
s 69N	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 34, 1997; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 189, 2011; No 186, 2012; No 13, 2013; No 97, 2018; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
Subdivision D	
s. 69P	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 98, 2005
s. 69Q	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69R	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69S	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 82, 2007
s. 69T	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69U	ad. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision E	
s. 69V	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69VA	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 69W	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 69X	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69XA	ad. No. 82, 2007
s. 69Y	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69Z	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 69ZA	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 69ZB.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69ZC.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 69ZD	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 82, 2007; No. 5, 2011
Subdivision F	
s. 69ZE.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69ZF	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69ZG	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69ZH	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006; No 189, 2011; No 130, 2018; No 87, 2023
s. 69ZJ	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 69ZK	ad. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision G	
Subdivision G	ad No 97, 2018
s. 69ZL.....	ad No 97, 2018
Division 12A.....	ad No 37, 1991
	rep No 167, 1995
	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 118, 2024
s. 69ZM.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 115, 2008
	rep No 118, 2024
s. 69ZN	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rep No 118, 2024
s. 69ZO	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013
	rs No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZP	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZQ	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZR.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZS.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZT.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZU	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 189, 2011
s 69ZV	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 118, 2024
s 69ZW	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 88, 2023
s 69ZX	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 116, 2007; No 21, 2011; No 132, 2015
	rep No 118, 2024
s. 70.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 182, 1989
	rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 70AA.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 37, 1991
	rep. No. 167, 1995
Division 13	
Division 13	ad. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
Subdivision A	
s. 70A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision B	
s. 70B.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70BA.....	ad. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 70BB.....	ad. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 70BC.....	ad. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 70C.....	ad. No. 181, 1987 am. No. 182, 1989 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999
s. 70D.....	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 182, 1989; No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999
s. 70E.....	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision C	
s. 70F.....	ad. No. 37, 1991 rs. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70G.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
s. 70H.....	ad. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 69, 2002
s. 70J	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 70K	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
s. 70L	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 46, 2006
Subdivision D	
s. 70M	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 46, 2006; No 13, 2021
s. 70N	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 46, 2006
Division 13A	
Division 13A	ad No 143, 2000
	rs No 46, 2006; No 87, 2023
Subdivision A	
s. 70NAA	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NAB	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NAC	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NAD	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NADA	ad No 87, 2023
s. 70NAE	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NAF	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision AA	ad No 98, 2005

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 46, 2006
Subdivision B	
s. 70NB	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NBA	ad No 143, 2000
	rs No 46, 2006; No 87, 2023
s. 70NBB	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NBC	ad No 87, 2023
	am No 87, 2023
s. 70NBD	ad No 87, 2023
s. 70NBF	ad No 87, 2023
Subdivision C	
s. 70NC	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NCA	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NCB	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NCC	ad No 87, 2023
s. 70NCD	ad No 87, 2023
s. 70NCE	ad No 87, 2023
Subdivision D	
s. 70ND	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NDA	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NDB	ad No 46, 2006
	rs No 87, 2023
s. 70NDC	ad No 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
	rs No 87, 2023
Subdivision E	
s. 70NE	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s 70NEA	ad No 143, 2000
	rs No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NEB.....	ad No 98, 2005
	rs No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NEC.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NECA.....	ad No 189, 2011
	am No 13, 2013
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NED	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NEF	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NEG	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision F	
s. 70NF.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s 70NFA.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFB.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFC.....	ad No 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFD.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFE.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFF.....	ad No 46, 2006
	am No 189, 2011; No 13, 2013
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFG.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFH.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFI.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s 70NFJ.....	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 87, 2023
s. 70NG.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NH.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NI.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NIA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rs. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NIB.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003
	rep. No. 46, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 70NJ	ad. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NK	ad. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NL	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NM	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NN	ad. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 98, 2005 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NO	ad. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 138, 2003; No. 98, 2005 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NP	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NQ	ad. No. 143, 2000 rs. No. 138, 2003 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 70NR	ad. No. 143, 2000 rep. No. 46, 2006
Division 14	
Division 14	ad. No. 181, 1987 rs. No. 167, 1995
Subdivision A	
Subdivision A	ad No 87, 2023
s 70P	ad No 167, 1995 am No 87, 2023
Subdivision B	

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Provision affected	How affected
Subdivision B	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PA.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PB.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PC.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PD.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PE	ad No 87, 2023
s 70PF	ad No 87, 2023
Subdivision C	
Subdivision C	ad No 87, 2023
s. 70Q.....	ad. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 138, 2003
Part VIII	
Part VIII heading	rs. No. 181, 1987
s 71.....	am No 74, 2023
s 71A.....	ad No 143, 2000
	am No 20, 2005; No 118, 2024
s 71B.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 72.....	rs No 72, 1983
	am No 20, 2005; No 118, 2024
s. 73.....	rep. No. 181, 1987
s. 74.....	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 20, 2005
s 75.....	am No 63, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 124, 1989; No 84, 1997; No 143, 2000; No 20, 2005; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 115, 2008; No 118, 2024
s. 76.....	rep. No. 181, 1987
s. 77.....	am. No. 181, 1987
s. 77A.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
s. 78.....	am. No. 120, 1988
s 79.....	am No 63, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 124, 1989; No 84, 1997; No 194, 1999; No 20, 2005; No 98, 2005; No 115, 2008
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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s 79AA.....	ad No 118, 2024
	am No 118, 2024
s. 79A.....	ad. No. 63, 1976
	am. No. 23, 1979; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 86, 2002; No. 20, 2005; No. 46, 2006
	ed C82
s. 79B.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 79C.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 79D.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 79E.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 79F.....	ad. No. 20, 2005
	am. No. 115, 2008
s. 79G.....	ad. No. 20, 2005
s 79H.....	ad No 20, 2005
	am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 79J.....	ad. No. 20, 2005
s. 80.....	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 194, 1999; No. 20, 2005
s 82.....	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 74, 2023
s. 83.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 194, 1999; No. 20, 2005; No. 82, 2007; No. 115, 2008
s. 84.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987
	rep. No. 143, 2000
s. 85.....	am. No. 72, 1983
	rep. No. 143, 2000
s 85A.....	ad No 72, 1983

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 143, 2000; No 118, 2024
s. 86A.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 86.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 124, 1989; No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 146, 2006
s. 87.....	am. No. 23, 1979
	rs. No. 72, 1983
	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 72, 1984; No. 181, 1987; No. 124, 1989; No. 167, 1995; No. 194, 1999; No. 143, 2000; No. 146, 2006 (as am. by No. 8, 2010)
s. 87A.....	ad. No. 181, 1987
s. 88.....	am. No. 72, 1983
s. 89.....	am. No. 72, 1984
s. 89A.....	ad. No. 63, 1976
	am. No. 181, 1987
	ed C82
s. 90.....	am. No. 63, 1976
	rs. No. 72, 1983
	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991; No. 98, 2005
Part VIIIAA	
Part VIIIAA	ad. No. 138, 2003
Division 1	
Subdivision A	
s. 90AA	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AB	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AC	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90ACA	ad. No. 153, 2004
	rs. No. 15, 2007
s. 90AD.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90ADA.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
Division 2	
s. 90AE	ad. No. 138, 2003

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 3	
s. 90AF.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
Division 4	
s. 90AG.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AH.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AI	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AJ	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 90AK.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
Part VIIIA	
Part VIIIA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 90A.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 90B.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008
s. 90C.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003; No. 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008
s. 90D.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008
s. 90DA.....	ad. No. 20, 2005
	am. No. 115, 2008
s. 90DB.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90E	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 115, 2008
s. 90F	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003; No. 115, 2008
s. 90G.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003; No. 115, 2008; No. 122, 2009
s. 90H.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 90J	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 138, 2003; No. 115, 2008; No. 122, 2009
s. 90K.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	am. No. 61, 2001; No. 138, 2003; No. 46, 2006; No. 115, 2008

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 90KA.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 90L.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
	rs. No. 138, 2003
s. 90M.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011, No 67, 2016
s. 90N.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 90P.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 90Q.....	ad. No. 86, 2002
	am. No. 174, 2011
Part VIIIAB	
Part VIIIAB.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Division 1	
Subdivision A	
s. 90RA.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 112, 2020
s. 90RB.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision B	
s. 90RC.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision C	
s. 90RD.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90RE.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90RF.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90RG.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90RH.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Division 1A	
Division 1A.....	ad. No. 118, 2024
s. 90RI.....	ad. No. 118, 2024
Division 2	
Subdivision A	

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Provision affected	How affected
s 90SA.....	ad No 115, 2008 am No 118, 2024
s. 90SB.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SC.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision B	
s. 90SD.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SE.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 90SF.....	ad No 115, 2008 am No 118, 2024
s. 90SG.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SH.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SI.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SJ.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision C	
s. 90SK.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SL.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 90SM.....	ad No 115, 2008 am No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
s 90SMA.....	ad No 118, 2024 am No 118, 2024
s. 90SN.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision D	
s. 90SO.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90SP.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s 90SQ.....	ad No 115, 2008 am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 90SR.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Subdivision E	
s. 90SS.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90ST.....	ad. No. 115, 2008
Division 3	

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 90TA	ad. No. 115, 2008
Division 4	
s. 90UA	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UB	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UC	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UD	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UE	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UF	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UG	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UH	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UI	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UJ	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 122, 2009
s. 90UK	ad. No. 115, 2008
s. 90UL	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 122, 2009
s. 90UM	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 122, 2009
s. 90UN	ad. No. 115, 2008
Division 5	
s. 90VA	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 90VB	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 90VC	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 174, 2011
s. 90VD	ad. No. 115, 2008
	am. No. 174, 2011
Division 6	
s. 90WA	ad. No. 115, 2008
Part VIIIB	

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Provision affected	How affected
Part VIIIB	ad. No. 61, 2001
Division 1	
Subdivision A	
s. 90MA	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XA (prev s 90MA)	
s. 90MB	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 114, 2001 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XB (prev s 90MB)	
s. 90MC	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XC (prev s 90MC)	
Subdivision B	
s. 90MD	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 121, 2002; No. 153, 2004; No. 15, 2007; No. 115, 2008; No. 46, 2011; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XD (prev s 90MD)	ed C87
s. 90MDA	ad. No. 61, 2001 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XDA (prev s 90MDA)	
s. 90ME.....	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 114, 2001 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XE (prev s 90ME)	
s. 90MF	ad. No. 61, 2001 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XF (prev s 90MF)	

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 90MG	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XG (prev s 90MG)	
Division 2	
Subdivision A	
s. 90MH	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XH (prev s 90MH)	
s. 90MHA	ad. No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XHA (prev s 90MHA)	
Subdivision B	
s. 90MI	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XI (prev s 90MI)	
s. 90MJ	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XJ (prev s 90MJ)	
Subdivision C	
s. 90MK	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XK (prev s 90MK)	
s. 90ML	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 121, 2002; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XL (prev s 90ML)	

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 90MLA.....	ad. No. 121, 2002 am No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XLA (prev s 90MLA)	
s. 90MM.....	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XM (prev s 90MM)	
s. 90MN	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XN (prev s 90MN)	
Subdivision D	
s. 90MO	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XO (prev s 90MO)	
s. 90MP	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XP (prev s 90MP)	am No 118, 2024
s. 90MQ	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 15, 2007; No. 115, 2008 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XQ (prev s 90MQ)	rep No 118, 2024
s. 90MR	ad. No. 61, 2001 renum No 130, 2018
s 90XR (prev s 90MR)	
Division 3	
s. 90MS.....	ad. No. 61, 2001 am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018

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Provision affected	How affected
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XS (prev s 90MS)	
s. 90MT	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 121, 2002; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XT (prev s 90MT)	am No 118, 2024
s. 90MU	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XU (prev s 90MU)	
s. 90MUA	ad. No. 121, 2002
	am No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XUA (prev s 90MUA)	
Division 4	
s. 90MV	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XV (prev s 90MV)	
s. 90MW	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XW (prev s 90MW)	
s. 90MX	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 121, 2002; No. 115, 2008
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XX (prev s 90MX)	
s. 90MY	ad. No. 61, 2001
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XY (prev s 90MY)	
s. 90MZ	ad. No. 61, 2001

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 121, 2002; No. 15, 2007
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZ (prev s 90MZ)	
s. 90MZA	ad. No. 61, 2001
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZA (prev s 90MZA)	
s. 90MZB	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 115, 2008; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZB (prev s 90MZB)	
s. 90MZC	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 121, 2002; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZC (prev s 90MZC)	
Division 5	
s. 90MZD	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 121, 2002; No 130, 2018
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZD (prev s 90MZD)	
s. 90MZE	ad. No. 61, 2001
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZE (prev s 90MZE)	
s. 90MZF	ad. No. 61, 2001
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZF (prev s 90MZF)	
s. 90MZG	ad. No. 61, 2001
	am. No. 115, 2008; No 4, 2016
	renum No 130, 2018
s 90XZG (prev s 90MZG)	
s. 90MZH	ad. No. 61, 2001
	renum No 130, 2018

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Provision affected	How affected
s 90XZH (prev s 90MZH)	
s 90XZJ	ad No 111, 2021
Part VIIIC	
Part VIIIC	ad No 112, 2020
Division 1	
Subdivision A	
s 90YA	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YB	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YC	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision B	
s 90YD	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YE	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YF	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YG	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YH	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YI	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision C	
s 90YJ	ad No 112, 2020
Division 1A	
Division 1A	ad No 118, 2024
s 90YJA	ad No 118, 2024
Division 2	
Subdivision A	
s 90YK	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YL	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision B	
s 90YM	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YN	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision C	
s 90YO	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YP	ad No 112, 2020

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Provision affected	How affected
s 90YQ	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YR	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YS	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision D	
s 90YT	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YU	ad No 112, 2020
	am No 118, 2024
s 90YV	ad No 112, 2020
	rep No 118, 2024
s 90YW	ad No 112, 2020
Division 3	
Subdivision A	
s 90YX	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YY	ad No 112, 2020
	am No 118, 2024
s 90YZ	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZA	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZB	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZC	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZD	ad No 112, 2020
	am No 118, 2024
s 90YZE	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision B	
s 90YZF	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZG	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZH	ad No 112, 2020
	am No 13, 2021
s 90YZI	ad No 112, 2020
Subdivision C	
s 90YZJ	ad No 112, 2020

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Provision affected	How affected
Subdivision D	
s 90YZK	ad No 112, 2020
Division 4	
s 90YZL	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZM	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZN	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZO	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZP	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZQ	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZR	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZS	ad No 112, 2020
Division 5	
s 90YZT	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZU	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZV	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZW	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZX	ad No 112, 2020
s 90YZY	ad No 111, 2021
Part IX	
s. 91	am. No. 95, 1976; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995; No. 98, 2005; No. 46, 2006
s. 91A	ad. No. 95, 1976 am. No. 181, 1987
s 91B	ad No 72, 1983 am No 189, 2011; No 118, 2024
s. 92	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995; No. 98, 2005; No. 46, 2006
s. 92A	ad. No. 37, 1991 am. No. 167, 1995; No. 46, 2006
Part X	rep No 13, 2021
s 93	am No 98, 2005

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Provision affected	How affected
	rep No 13, 2021
s 93A.....	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 194, 1999; No 138, 2003; No 22, 2006
	rep No 13, 2021
s 94.....	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 72, 1983; No 141, 1987; No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 115, 1990; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 13, 2013; No 113, 2015
	rs No 13, 2013
	rep No 13, 2021
	am No 112, 2020 (amdt never applied (Sch 1 item 5))
s 94AAA.....	ad No 194, 1999
	am No 138, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 13, 2013; No 113, 2015; No 24, 2016
	rep No 13, 2021
	am No 112, 2020 (amdt never applied (Sch 1 item 6))
s 94AAB.....	ad No 98, 2005
	rep No 13, 2021
s 94AAC.....	ad No 112, 2020 (amdt never applied (Sch 1 item 7))
s 94AA.....	ad No 115, 1990
	am No 167, 1995; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 98, 2005; No 22, 2006; No 13, 2013
	rep No 13, 2021
s 94AB.....	ad No 113, 2015
	rep No 13, 2021
s 94A.....	ad No 63, 1976
	am No 23, 1979; No 141, 1987; No 194, 1999; No 22, 2006; No 13, 2013
	rep No 13, 2021
s 95.....	am No 63, 1976
	rs No 98, 2005
	rep No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
s 96.....	am No 63, 1976; No 23, 1979; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 8, 1988; No 194, 1999; No 22, 2006 ed C82 am No 97, 2018; No 112, 2020 (amdt never applied (Sch 1 item 8)) rep No 13, 2021
s 96AA.....	ad No 98, 2005 rs No 189, 2011 rep No 13, 2021
s 96A.....	ad No 89, 1998 rep No 13, 2021
Part XI	
Part XI heading.....	rs No 46, 2006
Part XI.....	am No 46, 2006; No 118, 2024
Division 1A	
Division 1A.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 95.....	ad No 87, 2023
s 96.....	ad No 87, 2023
Division 1	
Division 1 heading.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
s 97.....	am No 72, 1983; No 8, 1988; No 194, 1999; No 138, 2003; No 186, 2012; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021; No 3, 2022
s 98.....	am No 72, 1983; No 194, 1999; No 98, 2005; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s 98AA.....	ad No 189, 2011 rep No 13, 2021
s 98AB.....	ad No 189, 2011 am No 13, 2013; No 31, 2016 rep No 13, 2021
s 98A.....	ad No 72, 1983 am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 98, 2005; No 129, 2017; No 118, 2024
s. 99.....	rep. No. 181, 1987

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 99A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 rep. No. 181, 1987
s. 100.....	am No 129, 2017
s. 100A.....	ad. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 46, 2006
s. 100B.....	ad No 143, 2000 am No 13, 2021
s. 100C.....	ad. No. 116, 2007 rep. No. 21, 2011
s. 101.....	am. No. 37, 1991
s. 102.....	rs. No. 181, 1987
s. 102A.....	ad No 37, 1991 am No 167, 1995; No 46, 2006; No 118, 2024
s. 102B.....	ad. No. 167, 1995 am. No. 194, 1999
Division 1B	
Division 1B.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BA.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BB.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BC.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BD.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BE.....	ad No 118, 2024
s. 102BF.....	ad No 118, 2024
Division 2	
Division 2.....	ad. No. 138, 2003
s. 102C.....	ad. No. 138, 2003 am No 36, 2010
s. 102D.....	ad. No. 138, 2003 am No 36, 2010
s. 102E.....	ad. No. 138, 2003 am No 36, 2010

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Provision affected	How affected
s 102F	ad No 138, 2003 am No 13, 2021
s 102G.....	ad No 138, 2003 am No 13, 2021
s 102H.....	ad No 138, 2003 rep No 13, 2021
s 102J	ad No 138, 2003 am No 13, 2021
s 102K.....	ad No 138, 2003 am No 13, 2021
s. 102L	ad. No. 138, 2003 am No 36, 2010
Division 3	ad No 138, 2003 rep No 13, 2021
s 102M	ad No 138, 2003 rep No 13, 2021
s 102N.....	ad No 138, 2003 rep No 13, 2021
Division 3	
Division 3 heading.....	ad No 13, 2021
Division 4 heading.....	rep No 13, 2021
Division 4	ad No 159, 2018
s 102NA.....	ad No 159, 2018
s 102NB.....	ad No 159, 2018
s 102NC	ad No 159, 2018
Division 4	
Division 4	ad No 118, 2024
Subdivision A	
s 102ND.....	ad No 118, 2024
Subdivision B	
s 102NE	ad No 118, 2024

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Provision affected	How affected
s 102NF.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 102NG.....	ad No 118, 2024
Subdivision C	
s 102NH.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 102NJ.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 102NK.....	ad No 118, 2024
Subdivision D	
s 102NL.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 102NM.....	ad No 118, 2024
s 102NN.....	ad No 118, 2024
Part XIA	
Part XIA.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
Division 1	
s. 102P.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PA.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PB.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s 102PC.....	ad No 186, 2012
	am No 87, 2023
Division 2	
s. 102PD.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PE.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PF.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PG.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PH.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PI.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PJ.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102PK.....	ad. No. 186, 2012
Part XIB	
Part XIB heading.....	rs No 87, 2023
Part XIB.....	ad. No. 186, 2012

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 1	
s 102QAA	ad No 87, 2023
s 102Q	ad No 186, 2012
	am No 13, 2013; No 24, 2016; No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023
s 102QA	ad No 186, 2012
	am No 97, 2018
	rs No 87, 2023
Division 1A	
Division 1A	ad No 87, 2023
s 102QAB	ad No 87, 2023
Division 1B	
Division 1B	ad No 87, 2023
Subdivision A	
s 102QAC	ad No 87, 2023
Subdivision B	
s 102QAD	ad No 87, 2023
s 102QAE	ad No 87, 2023
s 102QAF	ad No 87, 2023
s 102QAG	ad No 87, 2023
Division 2	
Subdivision A	
Subdivision A	ad No 87, 2023
s. 102QB	ad. No. 186, 2012
s. 102QC	ad. No. 186, 2012
Division 3	
Division 3 heading	rep No 87, 2023
Subdivision B	
Subdivision B heading	ad No 87, 2023
s. 102QD	ad. No. 186, 2012
s 102QE	ad No 186, 2012
	am No 87, 2023

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Provision affected	How affected
s 102QF.....	ad No 186, 2012 am No 87, 2023
s 102QG.....	ad No 186, 2012 am No 87, 2023
Part XII	
s. 103.....	am. No. 63, 1976
s 104.....	am No 72, 1983; No 72, 1984; No 181, 1987; No 98, 2005 ed C84 am No 74, 2023
s. 104A.....	ad. No. 76, 1986 am. No. 98, 2005; No. 22, 2006
Part XIII	
s 105.....	am No 95, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 115, 2008; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 106.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979 rep. No. 72, 1983 ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 106A.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 106B.....	ad. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 138, 2003; Nos. 20 and 98, 2005; No. 115, 2008
s. 107.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987; No. 182, 1989 rs. No. 143, 2000 am. No. 138, 2003; No. 115, 2008
s. 108.....	am. No. 63, 1976; No. 23, 1979; No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987 rep. No. 182, 1989
s. 109.....	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 167, 1995
s 109A.....	ad No 143, 2000 am No 46, 2006; No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023; No 118, 2024
s 109AA.....	ad No 13, 2021
s 109B.....	ad No 194, 1999 am No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021

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Provision affected	How affected
Part XIII	
Part XIII heading	ad. No. 143, 2000
Division 1	
Division 1 heading.....	ad. No. 69, 2002
s 110.....	am No 63, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 72, 1984; No 168, 1986; No 181, 1987; No 182, 1989; No 34, 1997; No 73, 2008; No 74, 2023
s. 110A.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 110B	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 111.....	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 143, 2000
s. 111A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983
	am. No. 143, 2000
s. 111AA.....	ad. No. 82, 2007
s. 111AB	ad. No. 82, 2007
Division 2	
Division 2 heading.....	ad. No. 69, 2002
s 111B	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 167, 1995; No 143, 2000; No 46, 2006; No 87, 2023
Division 3	
Division 3 heading.....	ad. No. 69, 2002
s 111C	ad No 167, 1995
	am No 89, 1998; No 143, 2000; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
Division 4	
Division 4	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision A	
s. 111CA	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CB	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision B	
s. 111CC	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CD	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CE.....	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CF.....	ad. No. 69, 2002

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 111CG	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CH	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CI	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision C	
s. 111CJ	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CK	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CL	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CM	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CN	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CO	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CP	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision D	
s. 111CQ	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CR	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CS	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision E	
s. 111CT	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision F	
s. 111CU	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CV	ad. No. 69, 2002
	am. No. 46, 2006; No. 13, 2013; No. 13, 2021; No. 87, 2023; No. 118, 2024
s. 111CW	ad. No. 69, 2002
	rs. No. 46, 2006
s. 111CX	ad. No. 69, 2002
s. 111CY	ad. No. 69, 2002
Subdivision G	
s. 111CZ	ad. No. 69, 2002
Division 5	
Division 5 heading	ad. No. 69, 2002

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Provision affected	How affected
s. 111D.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s. 112.....	am. No. 63, 1976
	rs. No. 72, 1983
	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 181, 1987
	rep. No. 143, 2000
Part XIII A	
Part XIII A heading	rs. No. 143, 2000
Part XIII A	ad. No. 182, 1989
Division 1	
s. 112AA.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 23, 1992; No. 167, 1995; No. 143, 2000; No. 115, 2008; No. 13, 2013; No. 13, 2021
s. 112AB	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 167, 1995; No. 143, 2000
s. 112AC	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 167, 1995; No. 143, 2000
Division 2	
s. 112AD.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 37, 1991; No. 167, 1995; No. 34, 1997; No. 143, 2000; No. 138, 2003
s. 112AE	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 98, 2005
s. 112AF.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 167, 1995
	rs. No. 143, 2000
s. 112AG.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 138, 2003
s. 112AH.....	ad. No. 182, 1989
	am. No. 143, 2000; No. 98, 2005; No. 189, 2011; No. 13, 2013
s. 112AJ	ad. No. 182, 1989
	rep. No. 167, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
s 112AK.....	ad No 182, 1989 am No 13, 2021
s. 112AL	ad. No. 182, 1989 am. No. 37, 1991 rep. No. 167, 1995
s. 112AM	ad. No. 182, 1989 am. No. 143, 2000
s. 112AN	ad. No. 182, 1989 am No 59, 2015
s. 112AO	ad. No. 182, 1989
Division 3 heading.....	rep. No. 143, 2000
Part XIIB	
Part XIIB heading.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s 112AP.....	ad No 182, 1989 am No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 46, 2006; No 87, 2023
Part XIV	
s. 112A.....	ad. No. 72, 1983
s 114.....	am No 72, 1983; No 72, 1984; No 181, 1987; No 182, 1989; No 20, 2005; No 115, 2008; No 97, 2018
s. 114AA.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 am. No. 181, 1987; No. 182, 1989; No. 143, 2000 ed C82
s. 114AB	ad. No. 72, 1983 am. No. 181, 1987; No. 37, 1991; No. 167, 1995
Part XIVA	
Part XIVA heading	am. No. 76, 1986
Part XIVA.....	ad. No. 23, 1979
s. 114A.....	ad. No. 23, 1979 am. No. 76, 1986; No. 82, 2006
s. 114B	ad. No. 23, 1979

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 72, 1983; No. 76, 1986; No. 182, 1989; No. 152, 1997; No. 82, 2006; No 62, 2014
s 114BA	ad No 76, 1986
	am No 152, 1997
	rep No 82, 2006
s. 114BB	ad. No. 76, 1986
	rep. No. 82, 2006
s. 114C	ad. No. 23, 1979
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114D	ad. No. 23, 1979
	rs. No. 82, 2006
	am. No. 46, 2011
s. 114E	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 159, 2001
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114F	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 43, 1996
	rs. No. 82, 2006
	am. No. 46, 2011
s. 114G	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. No. 182, 1989
	rs. No. 229, 1992
	am. No. 146, 1999
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114H	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. No. 181, 1987
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114J	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. No. 229, 1992; No. 152, 1997; No. 156, 1999
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114K	ad. No. 23, 1979

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Provision affected	How affected
	am. No. 181, 1987; No. 182, 1989
	rs. No. 82, 2006
	rep No 62, 2014
s. 114L	ad. No. 23, 1979
	rs. No. 82, 2006
s. 114LA	ad. No. 82, 2006
s. 114LB	ad. No. 82, 2006
	am No 62, 2014
s. 114LC.....	ad. No. 82, 2006
	rep No 62, 2014
s. 114LD	ad. No. 82, 2006
	am No 62, 2014
s. 114M	ad. No. 23, 1979
	am. Nos. 65 and 166, 1985; No. 182, 1989; No. 199, 1991
	rs. No. 167, 1995
	am. No. 146, 1999; No. 82, 2006
s. 114MA	ad. No. 76, 1986
	rep. No. 82, 2006
s. 114MB	ad. No. 76, 1986
	am. No. 182, 1989
	rep. No. 152, 1997
s. 114MC	ad. No. 76, 1986
	am. No. 182, 1989
	rep. No. 82, 2006
s. 114MD	ad. No. 76, 1986
	am. No. 152, 1997
	rep. No. 82, 2006
s. 114ME.....	ad. No. 76, 1986
	rep. No. 152, 1997
s. 114MF	ad. No. 76, 1986
	rep. No. 82, 2006

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Provision affected	How affected
Part XIVB	
Part XIVB	ad No 46, 2006
	rep No 151, 2006
	ad No 87, 2023
s. 114MG	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MH	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MI	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MJ	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MK	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114ML	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MM	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MN	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MO	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114MP	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 151, 2006
s. 114N	ad No 72, 1983
	rs No 76, 1986
	rep No 152, 1997
	ad No 87, 2023
s. 114P	ad No 87, 2023
s. 114Q	ad No 87, 2023
s. 114R	ad No 87, 2023

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Provision affected	How affected
s 114S	ad No 87, 2023
s 114T	ad No 87, 2023
Part XIVC	
Part XIVC	ad No 118, 2024
s 114UA	ad No 118, 2024
s 114UB	ad No 118, 2024
	am No 118, 2024
s 114UC	ad No 118, 2024
s 114UD	ad No 118, 2024
s 114UE	ad No 118, 2024
Part XV	
s 115	am No 63, 1976; No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 182, 1989; No 167, 1995; No 43, 1996; No 146, 1999; No 194, 1999; No 46, 2006; No 13, 2013; No 13, 2021
s. 116	am. No. 63, 1976
	rep. No. 23, 1979
s. 116A	ad. No. 67, 1973
	rep. No. 23, 1992
s. 116B	ad. No. 67, 1973
	rep. No. 23, 1992
s. 116C	ad. No. 67, 1983
	am. No. 165, 1984; No. 181, 1987; No. 194, 1999; No 59, 2015
	rep No 130, 2018
s 117	am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 167, 1995; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006; No 82, 2007; No 189, 2011; No 97, 2018; No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021; No 87, 2023
	rep No 118, 2024
s 117AA	ad No 143, 2000
	rep No 118, 2024
s. 117AB	ad. No. 46, 2006
	rep. No. 189, 2011

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Provision affected	How affected
s 117AC	ad No 82, 2007 rep No 118, 2024
s 117A.....	ad No 72, 1983 am No 182, 1989; No 167, 1995; No 138, 2003; No 46, 2006; No 130, 2018
s. 117B.....	ad. No. 72, 1983 am. No. 72, 1983; No. 194, 1999
s 117C.....	ad No 72, 1983 am No 72, 1983; No 181, 1987; No 22, 1992; No 167, 1995; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 130, 2018; No 118, 2024 rs. No. 98, 2005
s 118.....	rs No 72, 1983 am No 181, 1987 rs No 186, 2012 rep No 97, 2018
s 121.....	rs No 72, 1983 am No 72, 1983; No 37, 1991; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 113, 2015; No 4, 2016 ed C82 am No 13, 2021 rep No 87, 2023
s. 122.....	am. No. 181, 1987
s 122AAA.....	ad No 13, 2021
s 122A.....	ad No 37, 1991 rs No 130, 2018 am No 13, 2021
s 122AA.....	ad No 143, 2000 rs No 130, 2018
s. 122B.....	ad. No. 143, 2000
s 123.....	am No 63, 1976; No 95, 1976; No 23, 1979 rs No 72, 1983

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Provision affected	How affected
	am No 193, 1985; No 99, 1988; No 182, 1989; No 113, 1991; No 23, 1992; No 167, 1995; No 34, 1997; No 194, 1999; No 143, 2000; No 138, 2003; No 140, 2003; No 98, 2005; No 46, 2006; No 189, 2011; No 107, 2012; No 186, 2012; No 13, 2013; No 10, 2015; No 126, 2015; No 24, 2016
	ed C82
	am No 78, 2018
	ed C84
	am No 97, 2018; No 112, 2020; No 13, 2021 (Sch 1 item 252 md not incorp; amdt never applied (Sch 4 item 10)); No 87, 2023; No 118, 2024
s 123A.....	ad No 118, 2024
	am No 118, 2024
s 124.....	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 181, 1987; No 194, 1999; No 24, 2016; No 130, 2018; No 13, 2021
s. 124A.....	ad. No. 49, 2000
	am. No. 82, 2007
s 125.....	ad No 72, 1983
	am No 181, 1987; No 113, 1991; No 167, 1995; No 25, 1997; No 143, 2000; No 140, 2003; No 46, 2006; No 10, 2015; No 13, 2021; No 118, 2024
Schedule 1	
Schedule 1.....	ad. No. 69, 2002

Endnote 5—Miscellaneous

See Schedule 1 of the *Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Parenting Orders and Other Measures) Act 2010* (No. 147, 2010) for validation of certain parenting orders.

See Schedule 1 of the *Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Act 2012* (No. 32, 2012) for validation of certain parenting orders.