1. As part of its election commitments, the Government pledged to increase the penalty unit value from $100 to $110; and introduce a nominal administration fee on all criminal justice related outcomes in the Supreme and District ($300) and Magistrates ($100) Courts where an offender is found guilty.
2. The Penalties and Sentences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 delivers on these commitments by amending the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* to increase the penalty unit value prescribed in section 5 and introduce the offender levy.
3. The Bill addresses the expiry of the *Childrens Court Rules 1997* and the *Land Court Rules 2000* by retrospectively validating anything done or purported to be done under the rules after the date of expiry. In addition, the Bill ensures the all current ‘rules of court’ are not subject to expiry or the requirements under Part 5 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* relating to regulatory impact statements.
4. The Bill amends the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* and the *Industrial Relations Regulation 2011*, to permit a health employer to make deductions from a health employee’s wages and other amounts payable in relation to employment to recover overpayments or any part of the transition loan made by a health employer that has not been repaid.
5. The Bill amends the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* to facilitate the provision of evidence at a Commission of Inquiry and provides that a witness called by a Commission of Inquiry can give information to a Commission despite a confidentiality clause in any other legislation. The Bill also amends the Act to ensure Commission of Inquiry staff and any Commissioner does not disclose confidential information provided to it, other than for the purposes of the Act.
6. The Bill also amends the *Civil Proceedings Act 2011* to expand the definition of ‘relationship’ in section 67(7) to include a ‘registered relationship’, as defined in section 36 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954.*
7. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Penalties and Sentences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [Penalties and Sentences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Penalties%20and%20Sentences%20and%20other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Penalties%20and%20Sentences%20and%20other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Explanatory%20Notes.PDF) and [Erratum](Attachments/Penalties%20and%20Sentences%20and%20other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202012%20Ex%20Notes%20Erratum.PDF)