1. The Sentencing Advisory Council is an independent statutory body which was established in December 2010 under amendments to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*. The Council has six statutory functions which are:

* to provide its views on the giving or review of guideline judgments prepared by the Court of Appeal;
* if requested, provide advice to the Attorney-General on sentencing matters;
* to provide information to the community to enhance knowledge and understanding of matters relating to sentencing;
* to publish information relating to sentencing;
* research and publish information about sentencing; and
* to seek the community’s views on sentencing matters.

1. Under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*, the Council is to consist of 12 members appointed by the Governor in Council, by gazette notice, on the recommendation of the Attorney-General. The Council is currently supported by a staff of 12 officers appointed under the *Public Service Act 2008.*
2. Cabinet approved the abolition of the Sentencing Advisory Council by amendments to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1995* to repeal Part 12.
3. *Attachments*

* Nil.