

TOPIC: PCO's editorial renumbering publishing practice

1. The *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 authorises the Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial amendments and other changes of a formal nature when preparing a law for republication, including changes that are consequential on any amendment made to the law by another law.
See section 116 of the [Legislation Act](#).

2. It is PCO's publishing practice to renumber provisions below section level to update the numerical or alphabetical sequence consequential on an amendment made to the law by another law.

For example:

- 1 If an amendment omits subsection (2) from a series of 4 subsections (subsections (1) to (4)), subsections (3) and (4) may be renumbered as subsections (2) and (3).
- 2 If an amendment adds a new subsection (3A) to a series of 5 subsections (subsections (1) to (5)), the new subsection and subsections (4) and (5) may be renumbered as subsections (4), (5), and (6).
- 3 If an amendment omits paragraph (b) from a series of 4 paragraphs (paragraphs (a) to (d)), paragraphs (c) and (d) may be renumbered as paragraphs (b) and (c).
- 4 If an amendment adds a new paragraph (aa) to a series of 3 paragraphs (paragraphs (a) to (c)), the paragraphs may be renumbered as paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d).

3. There is a statement on the inside front cover of each version of a law indicating whether editorial amendments have been made.

Editorial changes

The *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 authorises the Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial amendments and other changes of a formal nature when preparing a law for republication. Editorial changes do not change the effect of the law, but have effect as if they had been made by an Act commencing on the republication date (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 115 and s 117). The changes are made if the Parliamentary Counsel considers they are desirable to bring the law into line, or more closely into line, with current legislative drafting practice.

This republication includes amendments made under part 11.3 (see endnote 1).

4. Additionally, the amendment history in the endnotes of a law is annotated to show that the section has been amended by a particular law (for example, A2013-30 highlighted below), that the subsections, paragraphs or subparagraphs have been renumbered under the Legislation Act, and in which republication this has been done.

Penalty units

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ins [A2001-56](#) amdt 2.68
am [A2002-11](#) amdt 1.85; [A2009-35](#) s 4; [ss renum R67 LA](#);
[A2013-30](#) s 4; [ss renum R86 LA](#); [A2014-37](#) s 4; [A2018-40](#)
s 18; [A2021-12](#) amdt 2.13