

Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014

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1.91 The Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014 seeks to amend the *Defence Act 1903* to ensure that, as far as is constitutionally and practically possible, Australian Defence Force personnel are not sent overseas to engage in warlike actions without the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

1.92 The bill is accompanied by a statement of compatibility which concludes that the bill 'is compatible with human rights because it advances the protection of human rights.'¹

1.93 The committee considers that the bill does not appear to give rise to human rights concerns.

1 Explanatory memorandum (EM), [p. 6.]