Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 104 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1981.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of "public body" and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition: —

""special investigator" means a special investigator of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau.".

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections: —

"(2) The President may appoint a Deputy Director of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau and such number of assistant directors and special investigators of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau as he may think fit.

(3) Any powers conferred on and duties to be performed by the Director under this Act may, subject to the orders and directions of the Director, be exercised or

performed by the Deputy Director or an assistant director of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau.

(4) The Deputy Director and an assistant director of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau may exercise the powers conferred by this Act on a special investigator.

(5) The President may create such different grades for assistant directors and special investigators as he may think fit.".

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection: —

"(1) The Director, Deputy Director, assistant directors and special investigators of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code (Cap. 103).".

Amendment of section 13

5. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by renumbering the section as subsection (1), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection: —

"(2) Where a person has been charged with two or more offences for the acceptance of gratification in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act and he is convicted of any one or more offences and the court is satisfied that the accused admits to having committed the other outstanding offences and consents to them being taken into consideration by the court for the purpose of passing sentence, then, the court may increase the penalty referred to in subsection (1) of this section to an amount not exceeding the total amount or value of all the gratification specified in the offences upon which he has been convicted together with those outstanding offences which he has admitted and which the court has taken into consideration for the purpose of passing sentence.".

Amendment of section 15

6. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words ", the Deputy Director, any assistant director, the chief special investigator, any senior special investigator" in subsection (1); and
- (b) by deleting the words "the Deputy Director, any assistant director, the chief special investigator, senior special investigator or" in subsection (2)