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CIRCULAR TO DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES NO. 1 OF 2003

STATUTORY PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2003 AND NEW YEAR 2004

Under the provisions of the Public and Bank Holidays Act 1972, the following dates are public holidays during 2003 and over the New Year period in 2004.

New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January 2003
Australia Day	Monday 27 January 2003
Labour Day	Monday 3 March 2003
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2003
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April 2003
Anzac Day	Friday 25 April 2003
Foundation Day	Monday 2 June 2003
Queen's Birthday*	Monday 29 September 2003
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2003
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2003
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2004

* Some non-metropolitan local government authorities may choose to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on a day of local significance in lieu of the official date.

NOTE:

Easter Tuesday and the extra day after New Year's Day are no longer public service holidays under the Public Service Award. Employees who have an entitlement to these days can take a day in lieu of each of these two public service holidays at a date during the same calendar year. (Please refer to Circular to Ministers 1 of 1994 issued by the Office of the Premier). These days are to be taken as paid leave of absence and cannot be accrued. Many registered workplace agreements or industrial agreement do not contain an entitlement to these days.

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