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STATUTORY PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2007 AND NEW YEAR 2008

Under the provisions of the *Public and Bank Holidays Act 1972*, the following dates are public holidays during 2007 and over the New Year period 2008.

New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2007
Australia Day	Friday 26 January 2007
Labour Day	Monday 5 March 2007
Good Friday	Friday 6 April 2007
Easter Monday	Monday 9 April 2007
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 April 2007
Foundation Day	Monday 4 June 2007
Queen's Birthday*	Monday 1 October 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday 25 December 2007
Boxing Day	Wednesday 26 December 2007
New Year's Day	Tuesday 1 January 2008

* 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 1:

Easter Tuesday and the extra day adjacent to New Year's Day are no longer public service holidays. Employees, who would have otherwise received the benefit of repealed public service holidays, are able to take two days paid leave of absence in lieu of the repealed public service holidays. The two additional days paid at the rate of ordinary time, can be added to annual leave or taken individually but must be taken in the year in which they occur. Under no circumstances should these days be allowed to accrue (Please refer to Premier's Circular 1 of 2003 issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet).

NOTE 2:

In 2008, New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday. Where, for operational reasons, it is impractical to allow employees to take a day of paid leave of absence in lieu of the repealed public service holiday on Monday 31 December 2007, arrangements to take this day in lieu during 2008 are permissible. This will not breach the intent of the Premier's Circular to ensure that days in lieu of the public service holidays are taken each year or lost.

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