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Key Points:

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Royal Styles and Titles – for later decision

46. As flagged previously, the new King's title will be established by proclamation for the United Kingdom; the title of the new King in Australia may be a matter for legislation.
47. It was agreed in 1952, that Commonwealth countries would have, as a standard element in its own styles and titles, a reference to The Queen's "Other realms and Territories" and to her title as "Head of the Commonwealth" and that beyond that each country would use a form of title to suit its own particular circumstances.
48. The Commonwealth *Royal Styles and Titles Act 1953* provided that The Queen would be known as 'Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

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49. This was replaced by the *Royal Styles and Titles Act 1973* with 'Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth'.
50. Mr Whitlam noted in his Second Reading Speech that the changes had The Queen's full concurrence. There should be similar consultation in relation to the new Sovereign.
51. Mr Whitlam also noted that the royal style and title as laid down in Commonwealth legislation would apply in the States. s 42

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A

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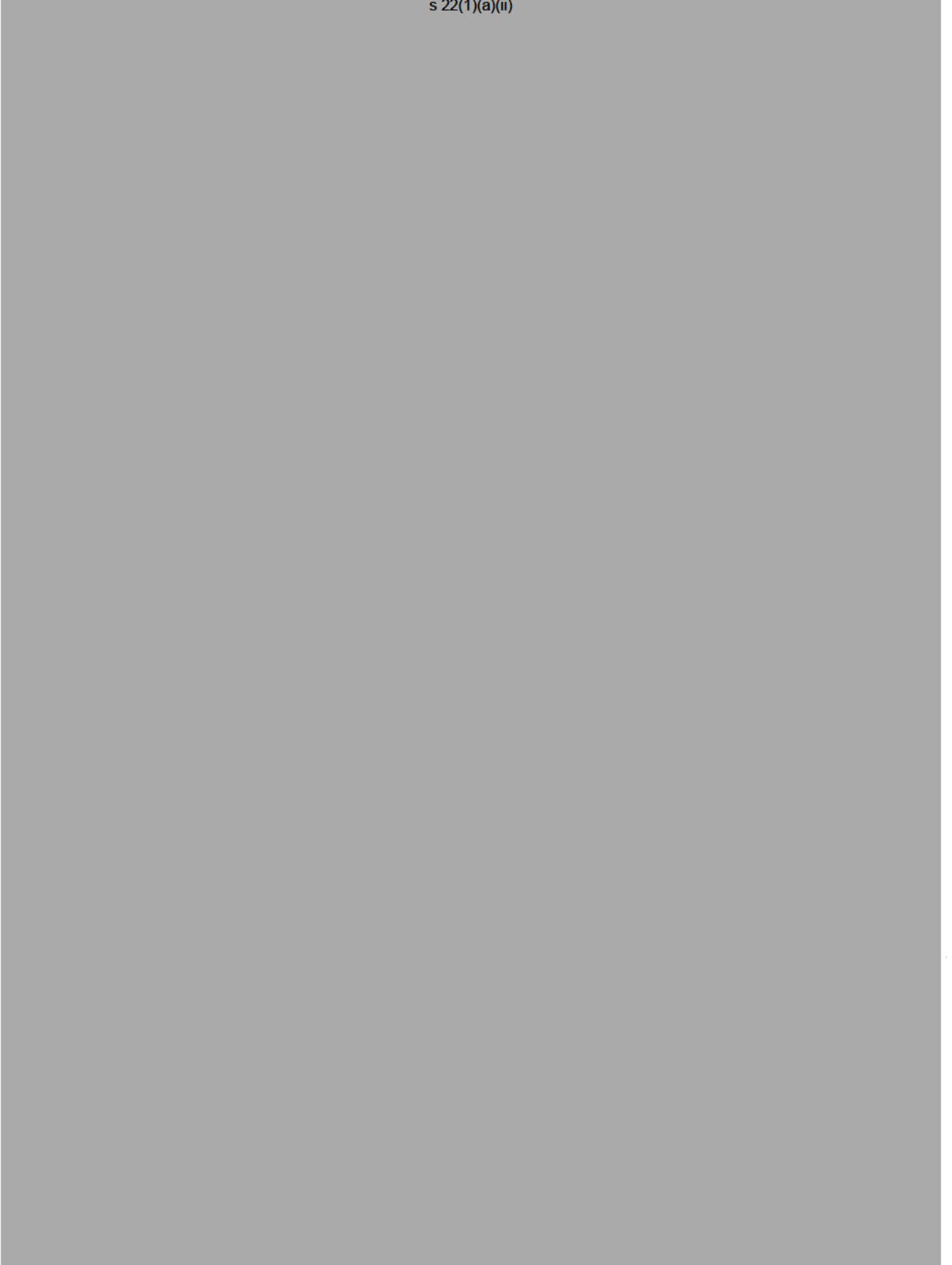
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Transition to a new Sovereign on the Demise of the Crown

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Royal Style and Titles

- 28 The Queen has different Styles and Titles in each of her Realms, which captures the unique relationship that each Realm has with its monarch.
- 29 When the new Sovereign accedes to the Throne, new Royal Styles and Titles will need to be promulgated by the Realms, in accordance with their own laws and conventions.
- 30 The following elements appear in The Queen's various Styles and Titles:
- 30.1 **"Elizabeth the Second"**. The name of the new King will be for His Majesty to choose.
- 30.2 **"Queen of [name] and Her other Realms and Territories" or "of [name] and Her other Realms and Territories Queen"** This phrase is the essence of the common element of the Royal Style and Titles that captures both the unique relationship of each Realm with its monarch, and the fact that Realms share the same person as monarch. It was settled on in 1953, and is used by all the Realms.
- 30.3 **"By the Grace of God"**. Most of the Realms use this element. In a purely secular sense, the phrase can be seen as a symbol of the historical origins of the monarchy and a part of the tradition and continuity that underpin an hereditary position.
- 30.4 **"Head of the Commonwealth"**. This part of the Royal Style and Titles is used by all of the Realms. The choice of successive Heads of the Commonwealth will be made collectively by Commonwealth leaders.
- 30.5 **"Defender of the Faith"**. Most Realms have dropped this part of the Royal Style and Titles, with only the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand currently retaining it.
- 31 It is possible for the same basic structure and elements to be retained. New Styles and Titles may need to be used before the question of the next Head of the Commonwealth is resolved. In that case, there could be no reference to the Head of the Commonwealth in any proclamations or other documents. New Styles and Titles could be made at a later date if necessary.