

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 17 of 1938.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Enquiry Ordinance 1938.

BE it ordained by the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Enquiry Ordinance (No. 2) 1938*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Enquiry Ordinance 1938*, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Enquiry Ordinances 1938*.

2. After section five of the *Enquiry Ordinance 1938*, the following sections are inserted:—

“5A. A person appointed under this Ordinance to enquire into any matter may, for the purpose of any proceedings in connexion with such enquiry, be designated and referred to as ‘the Commissioner’.” Designation of appointed person.

“5B.—(1.) A member of a Board or a person appointed to enquire into any matter in pursuance of this Ordinance, or any officer authorized in that behalf by the Chairman of a Board or by an appointed person, shall at all times have full and free access to all buildings, places, goods, books, documents and other papers for the purposes of the enquiry, and for that purpose may make extracts from or copies of any such books, documents or papers.” Access to books, &c.

“(2.) Any person who obstructs or hinders any member of the Board or appointed person or any officer authorized in that behalf by the Chairman of a Board or an appointed person in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

“(3.) Any officer who communicates any information acquired by him in the performance of any duty under this section to any

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person other than a member of the Board or the appointed person, or a person to whom he is authorized by the Board or the appointed person to communicate it, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.”

Dated this twelfth day of April, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD

Administrator.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. McEWEN

Minister of State for the Interior.

By Authority: L. F. JOHNSTON, Commonwealth Government Printer, Canberra.