

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

MAINTENANCE RECOVERY (RECIPROCITY WITH STATES) ORDINANCE 1963.

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At the moment, the only practical way of enforcing a maintenance order made in this Territory in a State or other Territory, or vice versa, is under the provisions of the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, which was designed originally mainly for the enforcement of orders between various parts of the Queen's dominions. Each of the States, however, has legislation specifically for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of orders as between States, and this legislation has now been made capable of extension to the Commonwealth Territories. The purpose of this Ordinance is to bring the Australian Capital Territory into the scheme.

Under the scheme, the enforcement of orders and the collection of moneys is carried out by Collectors, who remit orders and money collected direct to each other. The system required by the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) legislation of sending orders through vice-regal channels will thus be obviated.