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Annual Reports Legislation Amendment Bill 2004

Explanatory Statement

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Overview

This Bill makes the necessary consequential changes to other laws as a result of the Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Bill 2003 which redrafts the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*.

The Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Bill 2003, introduced in December 2003, implemented a Government commitment to amend provisions relating to the presentation and tabling of annual reports of ACT Government agencies.

As the 1995 Act was structured around the Ministerial presentation requirement, removal of this element provided the opportunity to redraft the Act so it is consistent with current drafting conventions. This resulted in a number of consequential changes to references in other laws to the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*.

The changes set out in the schedule to this Bill involve changes to the name of the Act, section numbers or other minor drafting changes. This builds greater consistency in drafting style as well as references to reporting arrangements.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Clause 1 Name of Act

This is a formal provision that provides the name of the Act.

Clause 2 Commencement

This is a formal provision specifying that the Act commences at the same time as section 3 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*.

Clause 3 Legislation amended

This clause amends other legislation as set out in the schedule to the Bill.

Schedule 1 Consequential amendments

The schedule sets out the consequential amendments that will be required on commencement of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*.