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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This instrument has the effect of determining fees, payable in advance, for transactions relating to vehicle registration under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000*.

The registration fees for all light vehicles (gross vehicle mass up to 4.5 tonnes) have been changed so that when combined with the ACT road rescue fee the total is equal to the NSW road tax plus the NSW administration fee for the corresponding vehicle types.

The registration charges for heavy vehicle (gross vehicle mass over 4.5 tonnes) are set by the National Transport Commission according to the requirements of the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993*.

Inspection fees are currently being considered as part of a review of ACT inspection arrangements and will remain unchanged at least until the review is complete.

Most other fees, such as administration fees, are increased by the consumer price index (CPI). Where the increase results in an amount that is not a whole dollar amount, the fee is usually rounded down to the nearest dollar.

The amounts that applied to the matters listed in Schedule 1 (the Schedule) of this determination in the 2003/2004 financial year are the same as those listed in column three of the schedule. These amounts are part of the Schedule because they will still apply after this instrument is made, in the way explained on the covering page of the determination.

In some cases lower fees may appear to have gone up by more than CPI. In these cases the fee will not have risen for the last two or three financial years because a CPI rise would produce a fee ending in 50c, which is not preferred for registration transactions. Instead, the cumulative CPI since the last fee increase (e.g. 2.5% over two years becomes 5%) is applied and rounded down to the nearest dollar.