

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY DETERMINATION OF FEES AND CHARGES NO. 2 OF 1990 COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1985

The ACT Community and Health Services Determination of Fees and Charges No. 2 of 1990 cancels and replaces the Determination of Fees and Charges No. 5 of 1990. The Determination comes into effect on 21 June 1990, the date of Gazettal and reproduces Determination No. 3 except for the following changes.

The only changes are increases in fees under the Determination in relation to the patient contribution for both nursing home type patients in recognised hospitals, and patients in ACT Community and Health Service Nursing Homes. There is also an increase in the Community and Health Services Hostel fees.

These increases are linked to an increase in the supplementary rental assistance which increases on 21 June 1990. The increases are in accordance with Commonwealth Government policy to set the patient contribution rate in relation to Nursing Home fees at 87.5% of the standard rate pension plus supplementary assistance. In relation to Hostels, the Commonwealth Government policy is to set the patient contribution rate at 75% of the standard rate pension plus supplementary assistance.

The fee increases relate to the services listed at C.1, D.1, D.3 and E.(c) of the Schedule to the Determination.