THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This determination sets out the maximum fares for ACTION Authority regular route services. This instrument includes technical amendments to clarify the definitions of concession card holder, student and people who are exempt from payment of the maximum fare. The definitions now reflect longstanding practices of the ACTION Authority. The amendments include:

- Expanding the definition of a cash fare to include reference to a paper receipt to clarify the difference between this ticket type and a transfer (cash) ticket;
- Clarifying that a concession card holder is an ACT resident;
- Streamlining the definition of concession card holder as it applies to Health Care Card holders. As any ACT resident holding a Health Care Card is eligible for a concession fare, it is not necessary to list the specific benefit categories for eligibility for a Health Care Card:
- Clarifying that the definition of a student using a student faresaver 10 or student term ticket applies only to students attending a school in the ACT;
- Adding to the definition of concession card holder, a provision for holders of an ACT Seniors Card to travel free of charge during Seniors Week on Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.30pm and after 6.00pm; and
- Adding to the definition of exempt person, a provision for all passengers to travel free of charge on Christmas Day.

The maximum fare amounts remain unchanged.

The instrument is also updated to comply with the *Legislation Act 2001* requirement that determinations must stipulate to whom, and by whom, fees must be paid.