

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### **PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT STANDARD 2004 (No 6) DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT No DI2004-162**

*Public Sector Management Act 1994*

#### Legislative Context

The *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (the Act) regulates the management of the public sector and, in particular, section 251 of the Act empowers the Commissioner, with the approval in advance of the Chief Minister, to make Public Sector Management Standards (the Standards) for the purposes of the Act.

Sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act also provides that the Chief Minister can give a general approval for the making of Standards by the Commissioner for specified purposes. The purposes currently specified include amendments that are consistent with a policy direction previously endorsed by Government and changes of a technical nature, which do not include any significant policy changes, such as changes to clarify existing Standards, updating allowances and correcting typographical errors.

#### Outline

The Commissioner makes these amendments to the Standards in accordance with parameters agreed to by the Chief Minister under sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act.

There are three minor technical amendments. The amendments are to Standard 2 Part 10 Rule 12.10 (Graduate Administrative Assistant) and Rule 12.11 (Graduate Administrative Assistant :Indigenous Employment). The same amendments are made to Rules 12.10 and 12.11.

The first amendment reflects the updated GAA classification in the 2004-2007 Agency Certified Agreement resulting from the 4<sup>th</sup> round of enterprise bargaining in the ACT Public Service (ACTPS). The 2004-2007 Agency Certified Agreement has collapsed the salary points from ten points to two points. As Agency Certified Agreements will come into effect at different times, the Standard continues to maintain linkages with the 2003-2004 Agency Certified Agreements resulting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of enterprise bargaining in the ACTPS.

The second and third amendment removes outdated references to retrospective commencement and includes GAA (Graduate Administrative Assistant) in the Interpretation section of the Rules for clarity.

#### Financial Impact

Nil