

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) (REGISTRATION FEES) DETERMINATION 2002

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

##### DI 2002-52

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 main changes in this determination are those that apply to heavy vehicles (gross vehicle mass over 4.5 tonnes). Amendments were made this year to the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993* (the Act) that ensure that adjustments to heavy vehicle charges occur automatically from 1 July 2002. The annual adjustment formula for heavy vehicle charges resulted in an adjustment factor of 5.64%. However, the Act limits the maximum increase in heavy vehicle charges to a “ceiling” of underlying inflation (CPI adjusted to remove the impact of changes to the tax system). Since the adjustment factor was greater than the CPI adjustment factor of 3.2%, the CPI adjustment factor has been applied the previous charges.

Most administration charges have risen by the CPI. Inspection fees are currently under review and are unchanged.