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INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 1993 introduces the system of penalty units in the Territory.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Bill is intended to be budget neutral.

CLAUSE NOTES**Clause 1: Short title**

This clause provides that the proposed Act may be cited as the *Interpretation (Amendment) Act 1993*.

Clause 2: Commencement

Clause 2 states that sections 1 (short title), 2 (commencement) and 3 (reference to Principal Act) commence on the day the proposed Act is to be notified in the *Gazette*.

Subclause 2 provides that section 4 is to commence on a day fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

Subclause 3 provides that in any event section 4 will commence on the first day after the period of 6 months of the notification of the proposed Act.

Clause 3: Principal Act

This clause refers to the *Interpretation Act 1967* as the "Principal Act".

Clause 4: Penalty units

Clause 4 adds section 33AA to the Principal Act. This clause provides that a penalty unit is to have the value of \$100. The penalty for an offence is to be ascertained by multiplying \$100 by the number of penalty units specified in the offence provision.