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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

This amendment seeks to change the *Registrar-General (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993* to replace a reference to legislation which is now out of date.

The *Registrar-General (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993* sets out to amend several pieces of legislation to bring into effect the establishment of the Registrar General. The changes to the Acts and Regulations involved replace references to the 'Registrar' or 'Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages' with the words 'Registrar-General'.

The Bill as it stands purports to amend the *Adoption of Children Act 1965* and the *Adoption of Children Regulations* made under that Act. The *Adoption of Children Act 1965* and the *Adoption of Children Regulations* are no longer in force.

It is thus necessary to change the amendments to refer to the current *Adoption Act 1993* and the *Adoption Regulations*.

The *Adoption Act 1993* was notified in the ACT Gazette on 2 April 1993. Sections 1 and 2 commenced on 2 April 1993, the remainder (ss. 3-121) commenced on 31 July 1993 (Gazette 1993, No. 28, p. 800).

This Government amendment therefore makes the necessary changes to ensure that the amendments contained in the Bill are made to the *Adoption Act 1993* and the *Adoption Regulations*, and that references to the 'Registrar' or 'Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages' in that Act are changed to read 'Registrar-General'.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations involved.

AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 is to be changed (at page 5, lines 1 to 7) to omit reference to the *Adoption of Children Act 1965* and replace it with a reference to the *Adoption Act 1993*. It then proceeds to set out the sections of the *Adoption Act 1993* which are to be amended to give effect to the change of title of the 'Registrar' or 'Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages' to the 'Registrar-General'.

Schedule 2 is to be changed (at page 20 line 6 to page 21 line 11 inclusive) to amend the *Adoption Regulations* to omit reference to the *Adoption of Children Act 1965* and replace it with a reference to the *Adoption Act 1993*. It then proceeds to set out the sections of the *Adoption Act 1993* which are to be amended to give effect to the change of title of the 'Registrar' or 'Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages' to the 'Registrar-General'.