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**REGISTRAR-GENERAL BILL 1993**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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### **Outline**

1. The provisions relating to the powers and appointment of Registrars, Acting Registrars and Deputy Registrars for the offices of the Registrars of Titles, Births, Deaths and Marriages, Incorporated Associations, Business Names, Unclaimed Moneys and Securities are currently contained in separate pieces of legislation. This Bill, together with the *Registrar-General (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993*, operates to combine the functions into the one office of Registrar-General and the powers and appointments into one piece of legislation.

### **Financial Considerations**

2. There are no financial considerations involved.

**CLAUSES OF BILL**  
**Registrar-General Bill 1993**

**Clauses 1 - 3:**

These clauses relate to the short title, commencement and interpretation of the Bill.

**Clause 4**

This clause allows the Minister to appoint the Registrar-General and Deputy Registrars-General.

**Clause 5**

This clause sets up the Registrar-General as a corporation sole.

**Clause 6**

This clause defines the powers and functions of the Registrar-General. The Registrar-General has the powers and functions which are conferred by any law in the Territory.

**Clause 7**

This clause gives the Minister the power to make an acting appointment of Registrar-General where that office is temporarily vacant. The maximum duration of the appointment is 12 months and the person appointed must be a public servant.

**Clause 8**

This clause defines the liability of the Registrar-General, acting Registrar-General and Deputy Registrars-General. Where they act in good faith and in the purported exercise of a power or authority or the purported performance of a function, then they will not be held personally liable.

If someone suffers injury or loss while the Registrar-General, acting Registrar-General or Deputy Registrars-General is acting in the above manner, they will have a remedy against the Registrar-General in the Registrar-General's corporate capacity. The liability will be met by the Territory.