

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### AMBULANCE SERVICE LEVY REGULATIONS

Section 13 of the *Ambulance Service Levy Act 1990* ( the Act ) provides the Executive with authority to make regulations not inconsistent with the Act.

Subsection 4 (1) of the Act provides for interpretation of terms in the Act. The term ' exempt contributions ' means those contributions paid into a health benefits organization by contributors included in a prescribed class of persons.

The classes of persons referred to in subsection 4 (1) are prescribed in the proposed Ambulance Service Levy Regulations ( the proposed Regulations ).

The proposed Regulations allow for the contributions of the persons in the classes of persons prescribed to be excluded from the total amount of contributions in the calculation made to determine the ambulance levy payable monthly by a health benefits organization under section 8 of the Act.

Details of the proposed regulation are included in the Attachment

**Minister for Finance and Urban Services**

## ATTACHMENT

Clause 1 provides that the title of the Regulations, when made, is to be the *Ambulance Service Levy Regulations*.

Clause 2 identifies 'the Act' referred to in the Regulations to be the *Ambulance Service Levy Act 1990*.

Clause 3 provides the classes of persons whose contributions are 'exempt contributions' for the purposes of the definition of the term in subsection 4 (1) of the Act.

Subclause 3 (a) provides for the class of persons who are holders of certain Commonwealth benefits cards.

Subclause 3 (b) provides for the class of persons who are in receipt of a service pension under the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986 (Cth)*.

Subclause 3 (c) provides for the class of persons who are permanently resident outside the Territory.