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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Supplementary Amendments B

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government if Mr Humphries' amendment of proposed new paragraph 65(1)(c) succeeds — Itinerant electors under section 96, Commonwealth Electoral Act

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OUTLINE

The purpose of these amendments to the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 1993 is to make consequential amendments should Mr Humphries' proposed amendment relating to itinerant electors succeed. The amendments are intended to:

- provide that the enrolled address of an itinerant elector is not to be printed on the published roll; and
- exclude itinerant electors from the compulsory voting provisions.

These Government amendments have no financial implications.

DETAILED EXPLANATION

Roll extracts

New section 53 is to be amended to provide that the enrolled address of an itinerant elector is not to be printed on published roll. It is not appropriate to publish the enrolled address of an itinerant elector since the enrolled address is generally not an address at which the itinerant elector can be contacted. This would bring this provision into line with Commonwealth practice.

Compulsory voting

New section 125 is to be amended to provide that itinerant electors are to be excluded from the compulsory voting provisions. It is not appropriate to include itinerant electors in the compulsory voting provisions since, by the nature of itinerant enrolment, itinerant electors may not be present in the Territory at the time of an election and, as the enrolled address of an itinerant elector is generally not their actual address, it would be difficult to contact an itinerant elector to enforce the compulsory voting provisions. This would bring this provision into line with Commonwealth practice.