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MEDIATION ACT 1997

DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 4(2)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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BACKGROUND

The *Mediation Act 1997* (the Act) was passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 23 September 1997. It was notified in the ACT *Gazette* S300 on 9 October 1997. The substantive provisions of the Act commenced on 1 July 1998.

One of the purposes of the Act is to provide for the registration of mediators by “approved agencies”. Subsection 4(2) provides that the Minister may declare an entity to be an approved agency for the Act. In order to become an “approved agency” an organisation is required to meet certain criteria laid down by the former Attorney-General and notified in the ACT *Gazette* No 19 of 13 May 1998.

PURPOSE OF THE DECLARATION

Ms Rhian Williams submitted an application for approval as an agency which was assessed against the criteria issued by the former Attorney-General.

The Declaration reflects the Attorney-General’s decision to add Ms Williams to the ten agencies approved to date under the Act.