

Australian Capital Territory

Public Sector Management Amendment Standards 2008 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2008-56

made under the

Public Sector Management Act 1994, s 251 (Management Standards)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (the Act) regulates the management of the public sector. Section 251 of the Act empowers the Commissioner for Public Administration, with the written approval of the Chief Minister, to make Public Sector Management Standards (the Standards) for the purposes of the Act. Sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act provide that the Chief Minister can give a general approval to the Commissioner for Public Administration to make Standards for specified purposes, subject to conditions where necessary.

The Chief Minister has given ongoing approval for the specified purpose of amendments that are consistent with a policy direction previously endorsed by Government where the changes of a technical nature, such as changes to the rates of allowances, clarification of existing clauses and correction of typographical errors, provided the amendments do not include any significant policy changes.

This amendment is of a technical nature and is in accordance with parameters agreed to by the Chief Minister under sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act.

The amendment to section 347 of the Standards updates the overtime duty meal allowance rate. The revised rate reflects changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for food in Canberra. The CPI for the 2007 December quarter increased 1.5% from the 2006 December quarter.

The revised rate is effective from 19 April 2008. This date is 12 months since the previous revision.