

Public Sector Management Amendment Standards 2009 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2009-54

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.

Motor vehicle allowance

The amendment to section 309 of the Standards updates rates for motor vehicle allowances. The rates of the motor vehicle allowance are issued by authority of the Commonwealth Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer under the *Income Tax Assessment Regulations 1997*. The relevant instrument, the *Income Tax Assessment Amendment Regulations 2009 (No.2)* (Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No.54), came into effect on 31 March 2009, with the rate set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

Overtime duty meal allowance

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 2008 December quarter increased 6.18% from the 2007 December quarter.

The revised rates are effective from 19 April 2009. This date is 12 months since the previous revision.