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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION NATIONAL LAW (ACT)  
BILL 2009**

**GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT**

This government amendment is minor and technical in nature (refer to Assembly Standing Order 182A)

### **OVERVIEW**

The Government amendment to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT) Bill 2009 is to provide a formal opportunity in 12 months time from commencement to review and report on the operation of the complaints handling mechanisms as they apply in the ACT.

### **DETAIL**

#### **Proposed new clause 10A Page 5, line 20**

Inserts a new section, which formally provides for the Minister to review and report on the complaints handling mechanism that applies in the ACT. The Minister must provide a report of the review to the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the 1 July 2011 and before 1 July 2012. This amendment allows a 12 month period from the date of commencement of the National Scheme in the ACT for the modifications to the complaints handling mechanism to be tested in practice. After this 12 month period there is a formal opportunity for the Minister to review and report on the operation of the complaints handling mechanism and, if necessary, make any required changes.