

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) ACT 1910

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)

ORDINANCE 1988

No. 17, 1988

The Administrative Arrangements (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1988 amends certain Ordinances in the Territory in consequence of revised administrative arrangements.

The amendments effect the transfer of responsibility for the administration of certain Ordinances from the Attorney-General to the Minister responsible for the ACT.

The Ordinances transferred deal with family law, administration of estates and trusts, legal aid, parole and prisoners and laws affecting basic legal rights and obligations. The Attorney-General remains responsible for criminal law, Courts, matters related to his role as first law officer of the Commonwealth and police.

Details of the Ordinance are as follows.

Section 1 cites the title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 amends the Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance 1930 by replacing Schedule 2 in that Ordinance with a new schedule. This new schedule sets out the Ordinances which are to continue to be administered by the Attorney-General under the new administrative arrangements. The Ordinances transferred may be determined by a comparing this schedule with the schedule omitted.

Section 3 provides for the amendment of the Ordinances in Schedule 2 of this Ordinance. These amendments involve the substitution of the 'Minister' (referring to the Minister responsible for the Territory) for the 'Attorney-General'. This includes the transfer of responsibility a number of Imperial and NSW Acts in force in the Territory as a result of altering the schedules in the New South Wales and Imperial Acts Application Ordinances.

Section 4 is a savings and transitional provision. It preserves the actions and appointments of, and instruments signed by, the Attorney-General in relation to those Ordinances now to be administered by the Minister responsible for the ACT. It also preserves the validity of notices served on or lodged with the Attorney-General prior to this Ordinance commencing operation.

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