

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POOL BETTING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1982

101 of 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 13A of the Pool Betting Ordinance 1964 sets the amount of duty which is payable to the Commonwealth on money generated from the conduct in the ACT of an interstate pool betting competition, excluding a soccer football pool, at fifty per cent of the amount of duty which is payable to the relevant State Government.

The Pool Betting (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 2) 1982 enables the amount of duty which is payable to be prescribed by the Minister for the Capital Territory by notice in the Gazette. This allows the Commonwealth to enter into binding revenue sharing arrangements which will be more beneficial to the Commonwealth than was possible.

Details of the Ordinance are set out below.

Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance as the Pool Betting (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 2) 1982.

Section 2 amends section 13A of the Pool Betting Ordinance 1964 by omitting the requirement that promoters of pool betting schemes lawfully conducted under a law of a State pay one-half of the duty prescribed under the relevant law of a State and substituting a requirement that a prescribed percentage be paid. Section 2 also amends section 13A of the Principal Ordinance by introducing a new sub-section 13A(2) which defines "prescribed percentage" to mean either that percentage notified by the Minister in the Gazette or, where no such notification is made, 50 per cent.

The Ordinance was not referred to the Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly for consideration and advice. The proposed Ordinance does not alter the thrust of the Principal Ordinance which was only recently amended with the agreement of the House of Assembly. It was considered essential to introduce the amending Ordinance at the earliest possible date to enable the Commonwealth to conclude agreements negotiated with the States for improved revenue sharing arrangements. The Ordinance will be referred to the House of Assembly for information.

Ord. 61/82