

Australian Capital Territory

Crimes (Sentence Administration) (Sentence Administration Board) Appointment 2017 (No 5)

Disallowable instrument DI2017–8

made under the

Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005, s174(1)(c) (Appointment of board members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* (the Act), amongst other things, governs the constitution and functions of the Sentence Administration Board of the ACT (the board). The board's functions are detailed under section 172 of the Act, and sections 171 and 173-4 provide for the establishment and membership of the board. Under section 174 of the Act, the Minister is required to appoint a chairperson; at least one deputy chairperson (and not more than two deputy chairpersons) and not more than eight other members to the Board.

This instrument appoints Mr Ivan Potas as a non judicial member of the Sentence Administration Board for the period commencing on 28 February 2017 and ending on 13 May 2017.

Mr Potas is a lawyer and research criminologist with a long career in the criminal justice system, particularly with the Australian Institute of Criminology between 1975 and 1991 and the Judicial Commission of NSW between 1991 and 2006 (where he was the Director of Research). He has performed the role of Official Visitor for ACT correctional centres and has gained very useful experience in the process. Mr Potas is not a public servant.