

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Corrections Management) Visit and Complaint Guidelines 2018

Disallowable instrument DI2018 – 269

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, section 23 (Visit and Complaint Guidelines)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 23 of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* provides that the Minister may make guidelines about visits by an official visitor, the handling of complaints and the referral of complaints to investigative entities by official visitors. A determination under section 23(2) is a disallowable instrument.

This instrument sets out guidelines for official visitors appointed under the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. The guidelines provide direction on the performance of official visitor duties, conditions of entry into visitable places, obligations of the operating entity, the recording of visits, complaints handling and the minimum number of annual visits to be conducted.

The implementation of these guidelines will support consistency among official visitors in the performance of their duties and provide guidelines on the expected number of visits to be conducted annually. The guidelines promote greater transparency of corrective services and will ensure visibility and accessibility to official visitors for detainees.

There is currently no notified official visitor guidelines for corrections.

There are no human rights implications from this instrument.

The official visitor guidelines for corrections will commence on the day after notification and will remain in force until it is amended or revoked.