

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT 1986

APPOINTMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 98 OF 2000

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Children's Services Act 1986 (CSA)* amongst other things, provide for the office and duties of an Official Visitor.

The duties of an Official Visitor under this Act include visiting and inspecting shelters and institutions, and inquiring into complaints by children in the shelter or institution concerning the manner of their care, detention or treatment, or the manner in which the shelter or institution is conducted, and making recommendations and reports about such complaints as the Official Visitor considers necessary.

The Official Visitor is appointed under section 19A(1) of the CSA. Under section 19A(3) of the CSA, an Official Visitor shall be appointed for a period of not longer than 3 years and is eligible for re-appointment.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted about this appointment.

The instrument takes effect from 31st March 2000.