

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Corrections Management) Appointment 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-13

made under the

*Official Visitor Act 2012*, s. 10(1)(b)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 10(1)(b) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least two official visitors for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

Official visitors work to protect the rights and interests of entitled persons in visitable places under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, the *Corrections Management Act 2007*, the *Disability Services Act 1991*, the *Housing Assistance Act 2007* and the *Mental Health Act 2015*.

This instrument appoints Mr Leslie Purcell as an official visitor for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. Mr Purcell satisfies the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person requirement, section 10(5) of the OV Act, as he is a person who:

- a) is a descendant of an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- b) identifies as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- c) is accepted as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person by an Aboriginal community or Torres Strait Islander community.

Suzanne Orr MLA is the Minister responsible for the OV Act (as appointing Minister) and Marisa Paterson MLA is responsible for the *Corrections Management Act 2007* (as operational Minister). Section 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the operational Minister. The operational Minister has agreed to the appointment and is satisfied that Mr Purcell has suitable qualifications and experience to exercise the functions of an official visitor for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

Mr Purcell is not excluded from appointment as he is not a public employee as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001* and he does not hold a relevant interest as defined under section 10(3) of the OV Act.