

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

REMAND CENTRES ACT 1976
PERIODIC DETENTION ACT 1995

APPOINTMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 3 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Remand Centres Act 1976* (RCA), and *Periodic Detention Centre Act 1995*, amongst other things, provide for the office and duties of Official Visitors.

The duties of an Official Visitor under these Acts include visiting and inspecting the Belconnen Remand and Periodic Detention Centres, inquiring into complaints by detainees and making recommendations and reports about such complaints as the Official Visitor considers necessary.

Official Visitors are appointed under section 6A of the RCA. Under section 6B of the RCA, an Official Visitor shall be appointed for a period of 3 years.

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

The instrument takes effect from 20 December 1998.