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BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

DETERMINATION OF SPORTS BETTING AGENT'S LICENCE FEE

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

Outline

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part IIIA of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports betting. In particular, Section 39X provides that the determined fee for a sports betting agent's licence is payable to the Territory within the determined period.

Section 55 of the Act provides that the Minister may determine fees, calculated by reference to turnover or otherwise and the percentage for the calculation of those fees.

This instrument determines the fees for a sports betting agent's licence as \$10.00 per month or any part of a month or \$100.00 for a twelve month agent's licence.

The determination under Section 39B (2) provides that either a licensed sports bookmaker or a licensed agent must be in attendance at all times when the betting auditorium is open to the public. Applicants for a sports betting agent's licence are subject to the same character and probity checks as sports betting licensees.

Financial Implications

There are minimal financial implications flowing from this instrument. It is expected that income of approximately \$1,000 will be received in respect of sports betting agent's licenses.