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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE

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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, the legislation empowers the Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

This instrument identifies two areas within the complex of the Canberra Racecourse, Block 2, Division of Lyneham to be a sports betting venue.

The area known as the "Winning Post Bar" on the ground floor of the Queen Elizabeth Stand will be the area where public face-to-face betting with bookmakers will take place. The area specifically constructed in the undercover betting ring will house the telephone betting operations of the licensed sports betting bookmakers. The areas identified in this Determination are in addition to the temporary area identified in Determination No. 135 of 1995, published in Gazette No. S250 of 29 September 1995. This location will remain as an approved sports betting venue until the final construction work is completed.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. The introduction of sports betting in the ACT is expected to provide increased levels of revenue to the Government.