Australian Capital Territory

**Financial Management (Performance Criteria) Amendment 2025 (No 1)\***

**Notifiable instrument NI2025–17**

**UNDER SECTION 19D OF THE *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT 1996***

This statement outlines the reasons for amending performance criteria under Section 19D of the *Financial Management Act 1996* (FMA).

Section 19D of the FMA allows for the amendment by notifiable instrument of performance criteria for Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS). The performance criteria may be amended where the responsible Minister and Treasurer are satisfied that other performance criteria should be adopted for the provision of outputs by the Directorate.

**Instrument Amendment:**

The amended 2024-25 Accountability Indicators for JACS are set out in Schedule A.

**Statement of Reasons:**

The statement of reasons for the amendments is set out in Schedule B.

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13 January 2025 9 January 2025

**Schedule A**

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| **Output Class and Output** | **Description of Strategic Indicator / Accountability Indicator** | **Strategic / Accountability Indicator** | **2024-25 Targets (Budget Papers)** | **2024-25 Targets (Revised)** | **Action** |
| **Output Class 3: Courts and Tribunal** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 3.1: Courts and Tribunal |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accountability Indicators Output 3.1 | Courts | a. Cost per finalised criminal case |  |  |  |
|  |  | – Supreme Court a | $56,272 | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Magistrates Court a | $2,683 | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | b. Cost per finalised civil case |  |  |  |
|  |  | – Supreme Court a | $27,013 | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Magistrates Court a | $4,406 | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | c. Criminal Case Clearance Indicator | 100% | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Number of Supreme Court finalisations, divided by the number of lodgements a |  |  |  |
|  |  | d. Criminal Case Clearance Indicator | 100% | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Number of Magistrates Court finalisations, divided by the number of lodgements a |  |  |  |
|  |  | e. Civil Case Clearance Indicator | 100% | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Number of Supreme Court finalisations, divided by the number of lodgements a |  |  |  |
|  |  | f. Civil Case Clearance Indicator | 100% | n/a | Discontinue this indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Number of Magistrates Court finalisations, divided by the number of lodgements a |  |  |  |
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|  |  | a. Cost per finalisation b |  |  |  |
|  |  | – Supreme Court a | n/a | $39,714 | Introduce new indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Magistrates Court a | n/a | $3,173 | Introduce new indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
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|  |  | b. Case Clearance Indicator |  |  |  |
|  |  | – Supreme Court a | n/a | 100% | Introduce new indicator in 2024-25 targets. |
|  |  | – Magistrates Court a | n/a | 100% | Introduce new indicator in 2024-25 targets. |

**Schedule B**

The amendments for Accountability Indicators Output 3.1 are explained below and can be linked to each indicator, with a referenced letter of (a) or (b).

1. Civil and Criminal divisions within Supreme Court and Magistrates Court respectively have been combined for reporting of cost per finalised case and timely completion to provide clearer accountability and minimise periodic variations in division resourcing that lead to significant, but temporary deviations from target. Supreme Court includes Court of Appeal.
2. For the purpose of this report a 'case' is defined as per the counting rules detailed in the Report on Government Services (RoGS) Data Collection Manual Courts, Chapters 6, 7 and 8.