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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
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**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1997**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Vocational Education and Training (Amendment) Bill 1997

Outline

- The Vocational Education and Training (Amendment) Bill 1997 amends the *Vocational Education and Training (Amendment) Act 1995* (the Act) and provides for
- (i) the removal of the requirement for the Vocational Education and Training Authority to include audited financial accounts in its annual report,
 - (ii) the inclusion of the Authority and the Accreditation and Registration Council within the scope of Section 8 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*, and
 - (iii) to deem training providers registered administratively prior to 1996 be registered under the Act

Financial Implications

The proposed changes have no cost or revenue implications

Details of the Bill

Annual Reports

Sections 8 and 15 are repealed and replaced with provisions which bring the Authority's and Council's reporting requirements within the scope of section 8 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*. This Act provides for the legislative framework for annual reporting within the public sector.

The repeal of section 8 removes the requirement for the Authority to include audited financial accounts in its annual report. The requirement was inappropriate as the Authority does not have its own appropriation unit and is included in the financial statement of the Department of Education and Training. A further difficulty is that the Authority reports on the basis of a calendar year and its accounts are not recorded on a financial year basis.

De-Registration of Providers

The current Act provides no legislative backing for the registration arrangements in place from 1993 to 1996 and there is no force to any regulation which may need to be administered. Section 19 A brings providers registered under these arrangements within the Vocational Education and Training Act and ensures that all registered providers are subject to the same degree of regulation.