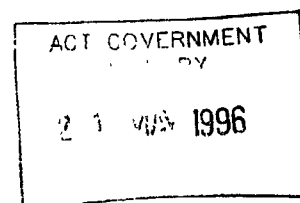


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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Amendments to be moved by the Attorney-General

OUTLINE

The purpose of these amendments is to add semi-automatic weapons to Schedule 3 of Act. The amendments also provide for the payment of compensation for weapons lawfully held prior to the commencement of this amendment which will, by virtue of the amendment, be prohibited from sale.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clauses 4 to 11- are consequential or technical amendments which were required to give effect to Clauses 12 and 13.

Clause 12 - Repeal and substitution

Repeals Section 92 of the Principle Act and provides for the payment of compensation by the Territory only in those circumstances where a surrendered weapon was lawfully held immediately prior to the commencement of these provisions. The clause further provides that in order for compensation to be payable in these circumstances the sale of the weapon must be prohibited.

Clause 13 - Additions to Schedule 3

This clause has the effect of including the following categories of weapons within Schedule 3 (Prohibited Weapons);

- self-loading centre fire rifle of a military type;
- self-loading rifle;
- self-loading or pump action shotgun; and
- weapons which substantially duplicate these weapons and are capable of firing a projectile.