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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

SUPPLY BILL 1995-96

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government

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The Supply Bill 1995-96 was introduced into the Assembly on 30 May 1995. The Schedules to the Bill specify the monies appropriated to each administrative unit or program for the period of Supply.

Since introduction of the Bill, the Government announced changes to Administrative Arrangements. These changes have resulted in the amalgamation of a number of Administrative Units, and restructuring of other services.

In particular, Treasury and the Department of Public Administration have been joined to the Chief Minister's Department. The Department of Environment, Land and Planning has been abolished, with environment and land services to be administered through the Environment and Land Bureau. Planning will report direct to the Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning.

The previous Business, Employment and Tourism Bureau has been incorporated into a new administrative unit, the Department of Business, the Arts, Sport and Tourism, which also includes the Bureau of Arts and Heritage and the Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing.

Additionally, a new Clause 9 is proposed, to provide for a new trust account for the Auditor General to enable charging for audit services in 1995-96 and to retain revenues. This covers charging for the audit of financial statements and is in accordance with a request by the Auditor-General. Performance audits will continue to be funded directly by Appropriation to the Auditor-General.

This amendment provides legislative cover for these matters.

This amendment is in three parts.

- substitution in Clause 8, the Division number '130' with Division number '150'.
- insertion of a new Clause 9, to provide for the operation of the Auditor General's Trust Account, upon its creation during 1995-96.
- deletion of the existing Schedules I and II to the Bill and the substitution of new Schedules. These new Schedules reflect the revised Administrative Arrangements Order.