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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

This Bill makes amendments to the Adoption of Children Act 1965, consequential upon the change to the title "Director of Welfare" made by the Children's Services (Amendment) Bill 1991.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This Bill involves no financial considerations of an expenditure or revenue nature.

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CLAUSE NOTES

Short Title

Clause 1 provides that the short title of the proposed Act is the Adoption of Children (Amendment) Act 1991.

Commencement

Clause 2 provides that this Act commences operation on the same day as the related Children's Services (Amendment) Act 1991; that is, on that Act's Gazettal.

Principal Act

Clause 3 stipulates that "Principal Act" in this Act means the Adoption of Children Act 1965.

Interpretation

Clause 4 amends section 6 of the Principal Act by changing the reference to "Director of Welfare", to "Director of Family Services". This change will better reflect the functions of the Director.