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**ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL 2003
Government Amendments**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

This amendment makes a change to the requirement to inform the media when a declaration is made and commences before it is notified on the Legislation Register.

Revenue/Cost Implications

There is no additional cost involved in these amendments.

Formal Clauses

Item 1 inserts new clause 3A into the Bill. It defines “required media” for the *Animal Diseases Act 1993*. (see item 12 for the similar provision for the *Plant Diseases Act 2002*.) This definition is used in each provision of this government amendment to refer to what media outlets must be informed of the declaration in question. It is intended to require notification of the national broadcaster (at the time of debate of this bill known as the Australia Broadcasting Corporation) and the commercial television and radio stations broadcasting in the ACT.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 amend clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16. The effect of each new clause is the same. When the Minister makes a declaration such that it commences before it is notified, he or she must give notice of the declaration to the required media.

Item 12 inserts new clause 24 into the Bill. It inserts a definition of required media into the *Plant Diseases Act 2002*. This is the same definition as in item 1.