

Australian Capital Territory

Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Amendment Regulation 2012 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2012-41

made under the

Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 1983

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 3A of the *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Regulation 1998* made under the *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 1983* provides that the maximum legal fee that a lawyer may charge or recover in relation to a proceeding under the Act is currently \$650.

The cap on legal fees has not been increased since it was first set in 1998.

This regulation adjusts the cap, in line with the Wage Price Index, to keep pace with inflation. As a result, the fee set under section 3A of the *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Regulation 1998* has been increased to \$1123.