AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DENTISTS ACT 1931

INSTRUMENT NO. 102 OF 2001

DETERMINATION OF FEES EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Dentists Act 1931* (the Act) provides for the registration of dentists, dental specialists and dental hygienists to control the practice of dentistry and for related purposes.

Section 85 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This instrument revokes the fees determined by instrument No. 224 of 1998 as notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. 39, 30 September 1998, and sets new fees for the annual renewal fee, the initial registration fee, the mutual recognition fee, and the entitlement to re-registration fee for dentists, specialist dentists, and dental hygienists. The remaining fees are unaltered.

The fee increase is to generate revenue to assist the Board to statutory independence following the expected introduction of the new health professions legislation in late 2001. The increase will assist the Board in the development of programs to assist practitioners in maintain continuing education, and to develop programs to evaluate and monitor practice standards, in line with the focus of the new legislative framework.