

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PAROLE ACT 1976

APPOINTMENT

NO. 121 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Parole Act 1976* (the Act), amongst other things, governs the constitution and functions of the Parole Board of the ACT (the Board). The Board's function is to consider and make orders about the release of prisoners on parole, and the discipline of parolees. The establishment and constitution of the Board is provided for by section 9 of the Act. This requires that the Minister appoint a Chairperson and four other members, one of whom will be female and one of whom will be male. Section 9A stipulates that appointments may be for a period not exceeding three years.

This instrument appoints Mr John Manley Hyndes as a member of the Board until 3 March 2000. This appointment fills a vacancy left following the expiration of the period of appointment of a former member late last year. Consultation occurred with the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs regarding the proposed appointment, and the Committee indicated it had no objection to it proceeding.

This instrument takes effect from the date of its being signed by the Minister. This will enable Mr Hyndes to commence his work as a Member of the Board at the first available opportunity, and will assist in ensuring a quorum is available for all meetings. The retrospective nature of this instrument does not have a detrimental effect on persons.