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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE**

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

## **Outline**

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory

Part IIIA of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports betting. In particular, the legislation empowers the Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a place to be a sports betting venue

This instrument identifies an area within the complex of the Acton Stand of the Canberra Racecourse, Block 2, Division of Lyneham to be a sports betting venue

An area has been specifically constructed in the ground floor of the Acton Stand to accommodate one sports betting licensee. This operator has outgrown the space provided in the covered betting ring and larger office accommodation has been provided by the managers of the sports betting auditorium to cater for the needs of this sports bookmaking company

The area identified in Determination No. 135 of 1995, published in Gazette No. S250 of 29 September 1995 (formerly known as the Race Day Office) is no longer used by sports betting operators. As a result, this Determination repeals the earlier approval of the Race Day Office as an approved sports betting venue

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. Following the establishment of sports betting in the ACT and the licensing of three sports betting operators, turnover trends are gradually increasing and it is expected that reasonable levels of revenue can be obtained by the Government.

The growing accommodation requirements of the sports betting operators signifies the potential business opportunities and economic activity available through the establishment of a first class sports betting service in the ACT