

CHURCH LANDS LEASES.

No. 10 of 1924.^(a)

An Ordinance relating to the Leasing of Commonwealth Lands for Church purposes in the City Area of the Territory.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, as follows:—

- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Church Lands Leases Ordinance 1924*.
- Application of Ordinance. 2.—(1.) This Ordinance shall apply within an area specified by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.
- (2.) The Minister may, at any time, by notice in the *Gazette*, vary the area.
- (3.) The area, as varied from time to time, is in this Ordinance referred to as “The City Area”.
- Power to grant leases. 3.—(1.) The Minister may, subject to this Ordinance, grant leases of land for church purposes.
- (2.) The maximum area comprised in any one lease shall be five acres.
- (3.) No denomination shall be entitled to more than one lease.
- Applications for leases in respect of same land. 4. Where more than one application is made for a lease under this Ordinance in respect of the same land, preference shall be given to the application on behalf of the denomination having in the Commonwealth the greatest number of adherents as shown by the latest census.
- Term of leases. 5. Leases under this Ordinance shall be granted in perpetuity.
- Rental of leases. 6. The rental payable under any lease granted under this Ordinance shall be at the rate of One pound per centum per annum upon the unimproved value of the land as determined by the Minister, and shall not be subject to reappraisalment.

(a) Made on 23rd October, 1924; notified in *Gazette* of 30th October, 1924; affected by No. 12 of 1924, *infra* p. 114.

7. Subject to this Ordinance leases granted under this Ordinance shall be subject to such covenants and conditions as the Minister determines. Conditions of leases.

8. No rates or taxes shall be levied upon land in respect of which any lease is granted under this Ordinance. Land not taxable.

9. The land in respect of which any lease is granted under this Ordinance shall be used solely for church purposes. Leased land to be used solely for church purposes.

10. For the purposes of this Ordinance land shall not be deemed to be used for church purposes unless it is used solely as a site for a church, residence for clergy or a non-secular school. Meaning of "church purposes".

