

2025

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Ed Cocks)

Financial Management Amendment Bill 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1996*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Financial Management Amendment Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the 7th day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Financial Management Act 1996*.

**4 Assembly to be told about Treasurer's advance
New section 18C (1A) and (1B)**

insert

(1A) If the Treasurer authorises a Treasurer's advance, the Treasurer must within 5 business days after authorising the advance give the Speaker a copy of the authorisation.

(1B) The Speaker must arrange for a copy of the authorisation to be given to each member of the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after it is received by the Speaker.

5 New section 18C (3)

after the note, insert

(3) In this section—

Speaker includes—

(a) if the Speaker is unavailable—the Deputy Speaker; and

(b) if both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are unavailable—the clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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(a) the Speaker is *unavailable* if—

(i) the Speaker is absent from duty; or

(ii) there is a vacancy in the office of the Speaker; or

(iii) the Speaker cannot for any reason exercise the functions of the Speaker; and

(b) the Deputy Speaker is *unavailable* if—

(i) the Deputy Speaker is absent from duty; or

(ii) there is a vacancy in the office of the Deputy Speaker; or

(iii) the Deputy Speaker cannot for any reason exercise the functions of the Deputy Speaker.

**6 Capital works reserve—Treasurer must notify Assembly
New section 18G (1A) and (1B)**

insert

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- (ii) there is a vacancy in the office of the Deputy Speaker; or
- (iii) the Deputy Speaker cannot for any reason exercise the functions of the Deputy Speaker.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 9 April 2025.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2025.

3 Republications of amended laws

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