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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL 2000-05-24

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**Amendment moved by Gary Humphries MLA
Treasurer**

Details of the Amendment to the First Home Owner Grant Bill 2000, moved by the Treasurer, Gary Humphries MLA

General Outline

The Government has accepted several of the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety relating to the First Home Owner Grant Bill 2000. One proposed amendment identifies the provisions of the Bill which will be subject to objection rights. These include provisions which:

- (a) effect and provide for the approval or rejection of an application for the Grant;
- (b) refuse to extend the objection period;
- (c) require an applicant to repay the grant; and
- (d) refuse to remit or refund interest.

The other provisions relate to legal professional privilege in respect of provision of information, etc and offences for false or misleading statements.

Amendment Notes

Clause 1 - omits subclause 25(1) and substitutes subclause 25(1):

This subclause extends objection rights to decisions affecting approval of a grant application under subsections 12(2), 14(6), 17(1), 17(2), 20(1), 21(1), or 23(1), refusing to extend the objection period under subsection 28(1), requiring the applicant to repay the grant under subsection 46(1) and refusing to remit or refund interest under subsection 48(6).

Clause 2 - inserts clause 43A:

This clause provides professional privilege for law practitioners and entitles them to be excused from any requirement to answer questions, provide information or produce a document under Division 3.2.

Clause 3 - omits clause 45 of the Bill and substitutes clause 45:

This clause makes it an offence for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading application for a first home grant by including for omitting information from an application.