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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Periodic Detention Regulations

The *Periodic Detention Regulations 1995* are constructed under the *Periodic Detention ACT 1995*. The regulations are designed to guide officers of the Periodic Detention Centre (PDC) through a range of procedures central to its operation, including . In particular, Schedule 2 of the Regulations deals with drug testing in the PDC, describing the procedure for obtaining and analysing a sample of urine.

Periodic Detention Regulations Amendment

The purpose of the amendment is to enable the PDC to change urinalysis service providers. As the regulations currently stand a specific service provider is identified. Investigations into the provision of urinalysis services revealed that it may be advantageous to the PDC to be able to change providers. A change in provider requires paragraph 1.1 (e) of schedule 2 to be amended. With this amendment the opportunity has been taken to include a generic term, "the authorised analyst", as this enables a service provider to be re-negotiated without the need for further amendments. In order to effect this change the regulations are being amended to generically describe agencies that can undertake urinalysis. Only an analyst accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities will be able to conduct urinalysis for the PDC.