

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT STANDARD 2002 DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT DI 2002-33

Public Sector Management Act 1994

Legislative Context

The *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (the Act) regulates the management of the public sector and, in particular, section 251 of the Act empowers the Commissioner, with the approval in advance of the Chief Minister, to make Public Sector Management Standards (the Standards) for the purposes of the Act.

Section 251 also provides that the Chief Minister can give a general approval for the making of standards by the Commissioner for specified purposes. The purposes currently specified are that the amendments are consistent with a policy direction previously endorsed by the Government and of a technical nature which do not include any significant policy change, such as changes to the rates of allowances, changes to clarify existing Standards and correcting typographical and grammatical errors.

Outline

These amendments to the Standards are made by the Commissioner within the parameters agreed to by the Chief Minister.

The amendment to Standard 3 Part 8 Rule 6 updates motor vehicle allowance rates as issued by the Australian Tax Office in the form of regulations for the 2001-02 financial year.

The amendment to Standard 3 Part 13 Rule 8 updates the overtime duty meal allowance rate, as per the annual revision based on CPI (food) increases in the Canberra region.

These revised rates are effective from 12 April 2002.

Financial Impact

Payment of the allowances will be met from within the relevant agency's budget allocation.