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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS TO THE
PROSTITUTION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1992

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GENERAL OUTLINE

The Government amendments of the *Prostitution (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1992* are part of a package which also includes amendments of the *Prostitution Bill 1992*. The package is designed to achieve the suggested Government position outlined in the Discussion Paper *Issues and Policy Options in the Regulation of Prostitution in the ACT* issued by the Attorney General in June 1992. The amendments also seek to make technical amendments and some other improvements based on comments received on the Discussion Paper.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

THE AMENDMENTS

1.

Clause 2

This inserts a standard commencement provision.

2.

Clauses 7 and 8

This amendment removes these clauses as they are unnecessary.

Clause 7 amending the *Public Health Act* is unnecessary because the relevant provision in that Act is already apt to enable the appointment of inspectors for health purposes for the prostitution industry.

Clause 8 is unnecessary because the name of the *Sexually Transmitted Diseases Act 1956* is already changed, because amendments to enable the prescription of diseases for the purposes of that Act are a matter of health policy and are not necessary for the legislation regulating prostitution, and because other amendments to the *Prostitution Bill* will deal with commercial sexual services involving persons who are infected with a sexually transmitted disease.