

# Remand Centres (Official Visitor) Appointment 2005

**Disallowable instrument DI2005– 56**

made under the

**Remand Centres Act 1976, section 6A**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The appointment of an Official Visitor for ACT Remand Centres is provided for under section 6A of the *Remand Centres Act 1976*. Under this section, the Minister may appoint two non public servants who possess qualifications or experience that will assist in the performance of the duties of an Official Visitor. Section 6B stipulates a term of appointment of three years and that the Official Visitor is eligible for re-appointment.

The *Remand Centres Act 1976* (RCA) and *Periodic Detention Act 1995* (PDA) provide for the office and duties of Official Visitors. The duties of an Official Visitor include visiting and inspecting the ACT Remand and Periodic Detention Centres and any places where detainees may have been directed to work, inquiring into complaints by detainees and ensuring the Remand Centres are being conducted in accordance with legislation. The Official Visitor reports to the Minister and can make recommendations considered necessary.

This instrument appoints Mr Geoffrey Potts as an Official Visitor beginning on 18 April 2005 and ending on 17 April 2008. The appointment of an Official Visitor is a statutory position pursuant to s226 of the *Legislation Act 2001*. It requires consultation with the appropriate Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly under s228.

The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has been consulted about this appointment.