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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Domestic Animals (Validation of Fees) Bill 2006

Explanatory Statement

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OVERVIEW

Since 21 June 2001 a number of fee determinations made under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* have contained a technical defect relating to the charging of a fee for the sale of dogs from the pound. This resulted in the government collecting approximately \$80,000 from the sale of dogs without lawful authority.

The *Domestic Animals (Validation of Fees) Bill 2006* validates these fees. As members of the public who purchased dogs from the pound received a dog in return for the payment of the fee it is considered appropriate to validate the fees, rather than refund them.

CLAUSES 1 AND 2: FORMAL CLAUSES

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal clauses which:

- state the name of the Act being created; and
- provide for commencement of the Act.

CLAUSE 3: VALIDATION OF FEES

Clause 3 validates the fees charged for the sale of dogs from the pound for the period between 21 June 2001 and 8 February 2006 that were collected under determinations made under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*. Between 21 June 2001 and ending on 30 June 2003 the fee was \$38.50 and between 1 July 2003 and ending on 8 February 2006 the fee was \$45.00.

CLAUSE 4: EXPIRY

Clause 4 provides for the expiry of the Act on the day after notification.