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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MEMBERS' STAFF) AMENDMENT  
BILL 2008**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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## Overview of Bill

The *Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Amendment Bill* (the Bill) makes a number of amendments to the *Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989* to give effect to the clause in the Assembly Members' Code of Conduct which requires that members not employ family members.

## Financial Implications

The Bill does not contain any financial implications.

## Details of the Bill

**Amendments 1, 2 and 3** are formal requirements that respectively refer to the name of the Act, the commencement provisions and the legislation amended.

**Amendment 4** inserts a new provision that an office-holder must not employ a family member.

**Amendment 5** inserts a new provision that a member of the Assembly must not employ a family member.

**Amendment 6** inserts a new provision that an office-holder must not engage a family member as a consultant or contractor. It also prohibits employment if a consultant or contractor is a corporation which has a director who is a family member.

**Amendment 7** inserts a new provision that a member of the Assembly must not engage a family member as a consultant or contractor. It also prohibits employment if a consultant or contractor is a corporation which has a director who is a family member.

**Amendment 8** inserts a dictionary note relating to domestic partner and sitting day.

**Amendment 9** provides the dictionary for the categories of family member covered by the Bill.