

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988

No. 90, 1988

Subsection 12(1) of the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910 provides that the Governor-General may make Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the Territory.

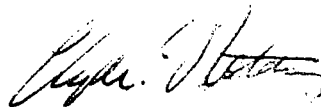
Section 3(1)(a)(ii) of the Holidays Ordinance 1958 (the Principal Ordinance) provides that the Australia Day Holiday shall be observed on 26 January or, if that day is not a Monday, on the following Monday.

The Holidays (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 (the Ordinance) amends the Principal Ordinance to provide instead that 26 January always is observed as the Australia Day Holiday, except where that day is a Saturday or Sunday, when the following Monday will be observed. This amendment gives effect to Government policy on the observance of Australia Day.

Details of each of the provisions are as follows:

Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 amends section 3 of the Principal Ordinance to provide for the observance as a public holiday of the twenty-sixth day of January (Australia Day) or if that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday.



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MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE ARTS
AND TERRITORIES**