

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1987

Subsection 10(1) of the Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance 1930 provides that except as provided by that section, the Ordinances of the Territory shall be administered by the Minister of State for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories.

As part of the new Ministerial arrangements following the federal election in July 1987 a Minister for the Environment and the Arts was appointed with that specific title and to work in that particular area, but with responsibility to administer the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories.

The effect of the specific reference to the Minister of State for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories in the section, however, is that there are doubts as to the capacity of the Minister for the Environment and the Arts to administer Ordinances (as distinct from the Department itself) within the portfolio of the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories.

The amendment of the Ordinance overcomes those doubts by deleting the reference to "the Minister of State for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories" and substituting "Minister or Ministers administering the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910". If more than one Minister administers that Act they will each individually administer the Ordinances.

Issued with the authority of the
Minister of State for the
Environment and the Arts