

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**  
**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT)**  
**ORDINANCE (NO.4) 1986**  
No. 75, 1986

The Co-operative Societies Ordinance 1939 (the 'Principal Ordinance') was amended by the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Ordinance (No.2) 1986 to give building societies greater freedom to expand outside the home finance area. Restrictions on societies' commercial investments remained. The Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Ordinance (No.4) 1986 removes all standing restrictions on building societies' investments, but empowers the Minister for Territories to close-off certain fields of investment, by Regulations under the Ordinance, when necessary. The proportion of societies' assets which may be devoted to investments outside the home finance area will remain controlled by the Principal Ordinance.

The details of the Ordinance are as follows.

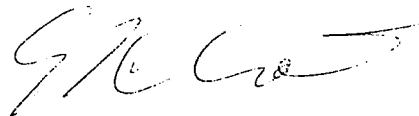
Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 deals with interpretation.

Section 3 amends section 37 of the Principal Ordinance to provide that building societies may, subject to the Regulations, invest their funds in any manner authorized by their Rules.

Section 4 removes building societies from the operation of section 37A of the Principal Ordinance, which governs societies' investments in service corporations.

Section 5 corrects a printing error in a past amending Ordinance.



Authorized by the  
Minister of State  
for Territories