

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982

103 of 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1951 provides for the quarterly adjustment of compensation benefits payable under the Ordinance. The adjustment is calculated by application of a formula provided at section 12A(2) of the Ordinance which uses as a base the Canberra (All Groups) Consumer Price Index Number for September 1974 provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. This base figure has been changed and the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 amends the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1951 to substitute a new common denominator in the formula in sub-section 12A(2) so as to take account of the new base reference for the appropriate Index provided this year by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The change made by the Ordinance ensures that the level of compensation benefits continue to bear the same relationship to the Consumer Price Index as was the case prior to July 1982 and that no recipient of benefits is disadvantaged.

Section 1 of the Ordinance cites the short title as the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Ordinance 1982.

Section 2 provides that the Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1982, that is, the date of effect of the change of the base reference.

Section 3 provides that the figure "51.6" shall be substituted for "157.4" in sub-section 12A(2).

The Ordinance was not referred to the House of Assembly for its consideration because any delay could disadvantage recipients of workmen's compensation benefits. It will be referred to the House for the information of members.

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