

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Administration and Probate Ordinance 1929 of the Australian Capital Territory so as to increase the amounts of solicitors' costs allowed by section 71 of the Ordinance in respect of the obtaining of a grant of probate or administration in non-contentious matters by 100%.

The amounts of costs allowed by section 71 have not changed since 1965. Since then there has been a considerable increase in overhead costs incurred by solicitors and the average weekly earnings of persons employed in Australia have trebled.

The Bill is expressed to come into operation on 1 November 1976. The new costs would apply to applications for a grant of probate or letters of administration made on or after that date.

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