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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT  
BILL 2010 (NO 2)**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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This explanatory statement supplements the Explanatory Statement to the Justice and Community Safety Bill 2010 (No 2) (the Bill) as presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly on 6 May 2010. The proposed government amendment would amend the *Firearms Act 1996* Division 7.6 — Licensing scheme — temporary international firearms licences.

The commencement clause in the Bill clause 2 (2) will apply to the proposed government amendment.

## **Detail of amendment**

### **Government amendment 1**

The amendment allows the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to authorise the issue of a Temporary International Firearms Licence within the normal 28-day waiting period. The Minister is only able to authorise the issue of a licence where the applicant satisfies the registrar of firearms that they are a member of the staff of an internationally protected person and the applicant's duties include the protection of that person while in the ACT as required by section 128 (1) (a).

The registrar of firearms would first consider the merits of the application and seek ministerial authorisation only where the circumstances of the application require the issue of the licence within the 28 day period.