

Public Sector Management Amendment Standards 2010 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2010-67

made under the

Public Sector Management Act 1994, s 251 (Management Standards)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (the Act) regulates the management of the public sector. Section 251 of the Act empowers the Commissioner for Public Administration (Commissioner), with the written approval of the Chief Minister, to make Public Sector Management Standards (the Standards) for the purposes of the Act. Sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act provide that the Chief Minister can give a general approval to the Commissioner for Public Administration to make Standards for specified purposes, subject to conditions where necessary.

The Chief Minister has given ongoing approval for the specified purpose of amendments that are consistent with a policy direction previously endorsed by Government. Provided the amendments do not include any significant policy changes, that is, where the changes are technical in nature – such as changes to the rates of allowances, clarification of existing clauses and correction of typographical errors – the Commissioner may make Standards without .

This amendment is of a technical nature and is in accordance with parameters agreed to by the Chief Minister under sections 251(6) and (7) of the Act.

Overtime duty meal allowance

The amendment to section 347 of the Standards updates the overtime duty meal allowance rate. The revised rate reflects changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for food in Canberra, which for the 2009 December quarter increased by 1.48% compared with the previous year.

The revised rates are effective from 19 April 2010. This date is 12 months since the previous revision.