

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
FIRE BRIGADE (ADMINISTRATION) ORDINANCE 1975

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 4 of 1975

The Fire Brigade (Administration) Ordinance 1975 will amend section 66 of the Ordinance to provide a time limit on the institution of appeals by members of the Fire Brigade against disciplinary decisions of the Commissioner made under section 48 of the Ordinance thus bringing these appeals into line with the others in the Ordinance. This amendment is being introduced following comment from the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

The amendment to section 82 of the Ordinance effectively extends the period in which members of the N.S.W. Fire Brigade working in the A.C.T. may elect to become members of the A.C.T. Fire Brigade. This period is due to expire on 25 February 1975. The A.C.T. Firefighters Association considers that its members should abstain from making an election until the Arbitration Commission hands down formal awards for A.C.T. firefighters.

As it may be some months before the awards are handed down and as it is essential that N.S.W. firemen working in the A.C.T. be given the opportunity of joining the A.C.T. Fire Brigade section 82 is to be amended to enable the Minister to fix a date after the awards are handed down for the A.C.T. firemen to exercise their option.

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