

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER
OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS)
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1977

The Termination of Pregnancy (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance (No. 2) 1977 which became operative on and from 30 June 1977 provides that a medical practitioner shall not carry out treatment in the A.C.T. for the termination of a pregnancy otherwise than at Canberra Hospital or Woden Valley Hospital.

This Ordinance as amended by the Termination of Pregnancy (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance 1977 has the effect of extending from 1 month to 12 months the period during which the establishment of commercial abortion clinics in the A.C.T. will be prohibited.

The amendment is required as the principal Ordinance as formerly worded ceased to be operative at midnight on Friday 29 July 1977 and the Government requires further time to consider the question of abortions in the A.C.T.