

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1978

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Ordinance extends the operation of Part 1D of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance 1976 beyond the present expiry date, for that Part, of 1 March 1978.

Part 1D establishes the office of Director of Legal Aid for the Australian Capital Territory for a limited period. It empowers the Director to act as a solicitor in civil and criminal proceedings in courts in the Territory. The office will be redundant when the Legal Aid Commission begins to function.

The Legal Aid Commission (A.C.T.) has been established under the provisions of the Legal Aid Ordinance 1977 but has not yet commenced operations.

This Ordinance extends the operation of Part 1D of the principal Ordinance until the date on which legal aid can be provided by the Legal Aid Commission as provided for in sub-section 2(3) of the Legal Aid Ordinance 1977.