

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE (NO. 3) 1975

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Ordinance is to repeal, and re-enact with a time limit, the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (No.2) 1975 which established the office of Director of Legal Aid for the Australian Capital Territory. This Ordinance also contains certain saving provisions.

Section 2 specifically repeals the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (No. 2) 1975, while Section 4 re-enacts in similar terms the substantive provisions of the repealed Ordinance. In addition, Section 4 contains a provision which will terminate the operation of the re-placement provisions on 1 January, 1976. It is expected that this will allow sufficient time for the Legal Aid Bill 1975 to be debated in the Parliament and, if passed, for that legislation to be brought into operation. That Bill would establish the Australian Legal Aid Office on a statutory basis, and that Office, as so established, would fulfill in the Australian Capital Territory the functions conferred on the Director of Legal Aid under this Ordinance.

The saving provisions contained in Section 5 will continue in operation the appointments of the Director of Legal Aid and other officers under the repealed Ordinance and will obviate the need to re-appoint them under this Ordinance.