

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
POLICE PENSIONS ORDINANCE 1974
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Police Pensions Ordinance 1958-1972 provides for the payment of a pension to four persons whose names are specified in the Second Schedule to the Ordinance. These persons are the only pensioners still receiving a pension under the Ordinance. In January 1958 serving members of the Australian Capital Territory Police Force transferred to the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund.

The Commonwealth Superannuation Act has been amended to provide that the Commonwealth share of the pensions being paid to ex-contributors or their widows be adjusted automatically each year on the first pension pay day in July under a formula related to variations in the Consumer Price Index.

This Ordinance amends the principal Ordinance so as to increase the rates of pension from the first pension pay day in July 1973 and to provide for future automatic annual adjustment of pensions in accord with the recent amendments to the Superannuation Act.

At present under section 4(2) of the principal Ordinance a widow is paid a pension at the rate of five-eighths of the rate payable to her husband. This Ordinance will make it clear that a widow shall be paid at the rate of five-eighths of the rate of pension that would have been payable to her husband had he not died.