

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HOUSING ORDINANCE 1969

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 19 of 1969

Pursuant to the provisions of the Housing Ordinance 1928-1959 the Minister for the Interior may appoint a person to be Acting Commissioner for Housing during the illness or absence of the Commissioner for Housing only after the illness or absence has actually occurred.

The situation has caused considerable inconvenience, both to the public and in the administration of the legislation, and it is proposed that the Ordinance be amended to eliminate the difficulties now experienced.

The Commissioner's powers are mainly those conferred by the general property law and therefore the most efficient method of affecting substitution to meet absences of the Commissioner is for that officer to grant a power of attorney.

The proposed Ordinance will enable the Commissioner for Housing to grant a general power of attorney authorizing the donee to exercise all or any of the powers of the Commissioner.