

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POLICE ORDINANCE 1960

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 3 of 1960

Section 5AA of the Police Ordinance 1927-1958 provides for a period of probation of 12 months to be served by appointees. It has been found that this is not a sufficient period in which to assess the probationary officer's efficiency if he is incapacitated or is otherwise unable to perform his duties.

This amendment will enable the Minister in a particular case to extend the period of probation for a further period of up to six months to allow the Commissioner to assess the probationer's suitability for permanent appointment.

The new section 5AA has been drafted generally on the lines of the corresponding section of the Public Service Act 1922-1960. A new sub-section has been inserted to avoid any implication that a person does not become a member of the Police Force until his appointment has been confirmed.