

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) ORDINANCE 1959

No. 22 of 1959

The Ordinances and Regulations of the Australian Capital Territory are being reprinted in consolidated form as at 31st December, 1959 and the legislation has been reviewed in preparation for this reprint.

This Ordinance –

- (a) repeal section 4 of the Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance, which dealt with administrative changes when the Federal Capital Commission was abolished. The provision is now unnecessary.
- (b) repeals sections 13 and 14 of the Principal Ordinance which provided for procedures before Courts of the State of New South Wales which were vested with jurisdiction in the Territory prior to the establishment of Territory Courts.

The Principal Ordinance purports to list all Ordinances together with the Minister responsible for the Administration of each. This is unsatisfactory in that

- (a) there is no specific indication in most Ordinances of the responsible Minister; and
- (b) this Ordinance should be amended whenever a new Ordinance is made.

This amendment provides that all Ordinances are administered by the Minister for the Interior unless other provision is made, either in the new Second Schedule or, in the case of future Ordinances, in the Ordinance itself.