

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POLICE ORDINANCE 1958

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 2 of 1958

The Police Ordinance 1927-1956 contains no limitation on the prerogative right to dismiss without cause and any member of the Police Force of the Australian Capital Territory could be dismissed without any reason being advanced. This Ordinance, by an amendment to section 7 of the Principal Ordinance provides that a member will be discharged from the Force only in accordance with a provision of the Ordinance or of the Regulations.

Other amending provisions contained in this Ordinance are consequential amendments following the bringing of the members of the Police Force under the Superannuation Act and the repeal of the Police Superannuation Ordinance. These consequential amendments provide for –

- (a) The appointment of persons to the Force on probation;
- (b) The compulsory retiring age of 65 years for the Commissioner and of 60 years for other members of the Force;
- (c) The retirement of invalid members; and
- (d) The transfer on retirement of members of the Force in excess of requirements.