

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AMENDMENT DENTISTS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1931-1937

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 10 of 1954

The main purpose of these amendments to the Dentists Registration Ordinance 1931-1937 is to prescribe a quorum for the Dental Board which will give a reasonable result notwithstanding that the membership of the Board may vary between three and six members. The present quorum of two members was prescribed when the Board consisted of three members. An increased quorum is now desirable because of the increase of the membership of the Board to five members. The new Section 6 provides that a quorum of the Board will consist of a majority of the members.

Section 22 is being amended to conform to the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 as amended. Under this Act there is no longer such a person as a naturalised British subject. The term British subject includes persons who become Australian citizens by naturalisation.

The amendment to Section 25 is prompted by the need to reduce the size of the Commonwealth Gazette. No useful purpose is served by the requirement that a copy of the register of dentists registered under the Ordinance be published in the Gazette each year. The new Section 25 provides that a Certificate of Registration is evidence of registration.