

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AMENDMENT OF THE FIRE BRIGADES REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 2 of 1969

Regulation 5 of the above Regulations provides that where scenery is used in a stage presentation then one or more members of the Fire Brigade shall attend the performance. In other cases of public entertainment, and at public meetings, the Chief Officer of a Fire Brigade may require the attendance of members of the Brigade if he considers that this is warranted by the nature of the entertainment or meeting, or by the equipment used at it. In both instances a fee of seventy-five cents per hour for each such member is levied to defray the cost of his attendance.

The above fee has remained unaltered since 1958 and at present is well out of line with the cost of operation of the service. A review of the costs involved has therefore been carried out and it has been determined that the average cost is now \$1.50 per hour. The amending Fire Brigades Regulations will provide for this increased charge. The opportunity has also been taken to amend Regulation 3 so as to express the amount involved therein in terms of decimal currency.

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