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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2011

GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

These government amendments are minor and technical in nature (refer to Assembly Standing Order 182A).

### OVERVIEW

The government amendment to the *Health Act Amendment Bill 2011* is to clarify the intent of some sections of the Bill, and to correct some minor typographic errors.

### DETAIL

#### **Clause 5 Proposed new section 15 (4)**

##### **Page 4, line 27**

This amendment requires that the ACT LHN Council's annual report is tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly within six (6) sitting days after the day the report is presented to the Minister for Health.

#### **Clause 5 Proposed new section 17 (1)**

##### **Page 5, line 11**

This amendment clarifies that the mix of skills and expertise are required for the ACT LHN Council to perform its functions.

#### **Clause 5 Proposed new section 17 (1) (b)**

##### **Page 5, line 13**

This amendment clarifies that one person who is a medical practitioner with at least five (5) years clinical experience, as well as one person who has expertise in clinical matters are both required skill sets for the ACT LHN Council.

#### **Clause 5 Proposed new section 19C (3) (b)**

##### **Page 7, line 12**

This amendment provides that the chair of the ACT LHN Council must call a meeting if request to do so by at least six (6) Council members which is consequential on the amendment to section 19D (4) below.

#### **Clause 5 Proposed new section 19D (4)**

##### **Page 7, line 22**

This amendment requires at least six (6) Council members to be present before business can be carried out at a meeting of the ACT LHN Council.

#### **Clause 13 Proposed new section 67 (1) (a)**

##### **Page 21, line 8**

This amendment will amend subsection 67(1)(b), which currently makes an incorrect reference to another section of the Bill. The amendments will ensure subsection 67(1)(b) of the Bill makes reference to "section 65" not "section 66" because section 65 is the relevant section dealing with the provision of a Recommendation Notice by a scope of clinical practice committee to a doctor or dentist mentioned in section 67(1)(b).

**Clause 13 Proposed new section 67 (1) (b)**

**Page 21, line 10**

This amendment will correct a typographical error in subsection 67(1)(a) to ensure appropriate reference is made to "section 59" and not "section 65". Section 59 is the relevant section dealing with the functions of a scope of clinical practice committee to review the scope of clinical practice of a doctor or dentist.

**Clause 13 Proposed new section 67 (4)**

**Page 21, line 25**

This amendment inserts a typographical oversight, ensuring section 67 makes reference to section 65 (2) which pertains to recommendation notices.

**Proposed new clause 20A**

**Page 35, line 8**

This amendment inserts a dictionary note that provides a definition for the term 'sitting day'.