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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

FAMILY VIOLENCE BILL 2016
Amendments to be moved by the
Attorney-General

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

Introduction

This supplementary explanatory statement relates to an amendment to the *Family Violence Bill 2016* (the Bill) as presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Bill

The purpose of the Bill is outlined in detail in the explanatory statement.

In summary, the Bill will establish the legal framework for the protection of people from family violence, including:

- a) the context and principles governing the operation of the legislation;
- b) applying, making and reviewing interim family violence orders, final family violence orders and after-hours orders;
- c) the effect of family violence orders and conditions attached to those orders; and
- d) national recognition of family violence orders.

Purpose of the amendment

The amendment will extend the commencement date of the Bill to 1 May 2017.

Human Rights considerations

The amendment is a technical amendment that relates to the commencement date of the legislation. It therefore does not engage human rights.

Clause notes

Amendment 1

Clause 2

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This amendment provides that the Act will commence on 1 May 2017. The reference to the *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 2016* is removed from the commencement provisions as that Act has commenced and special provisions are no longer required.

Commencement of the Personal Violence Bill 2016 is linked to the Family Violence Bill and, as a result, the Personal Violence Bill will also commence on 1 May 2017.