

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Instrument No. 178 of 1999

### **DETERMINATION MADE UNDER SECTION 13CE(3) OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MEMBERS' STAFF) ACT 1989**

#### **Arrangements under section 13CE(3) for the engagement of consultants or contractors by Members**

##### Legislative Context

The *Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989* (the Act) provides for the employment of consultants or contractors by Members of the Legislative Assembly. Subsection 13CE(1) of the Act gives Members the authority to engage consultants or contractors. Section 13CE(3) provides for the Chief Minister to determine in writing the arrangements and conditions which regulate the engagement of consultants or contractors by Members.

##### Outline

This determination provides the arrangements and conditions within which Members may engage consultants or contractors.

##### Arrangements and Conditions

Clause 1 makes a requirement that Members may only engage consultants or contractors within the Gross Annual Salary allocations made available to them to employ staff under the Act. It is intended that Members have the flexibility to expend some or all of their allocations on the engagement of consultants or contractors.

Clause 2 requires Members, in engaging a consultant or contractor, to ensure that the arrangement represents the best value for money for the Territory.

Clause 3 sets out the minimum standard of behaviour expected of consultants or contractors engaged by Members.