

Official Visitor (Disability Services) Appointment 2025 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2025-39

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s. 10(1)(c)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 10(1)(c) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least one official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Official visitors work to protect the rights and interests of entitled persons in visitable places under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, the *Corrections Management Act 2007*, the *Disability Services Act 1991*, the *Housing Assistance Act 2007* and the *Mental Health Act 2015*.

This instrument appoints Ms Zoe O'Dwyer and Mr Dwayne Cranfield as official visitors for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Suzanne Orr MLA is the Minister responsible for the OV Act (as appointing Minister) and for the *Disability Services Act 1991* (as operational Minister). Section 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the operational Minister. The operational Minister has agreed to the appointment and is satisfied that Ms O'Dwyer and Mr Cranfield have suitable qualifications and experience to exercise the functions of an official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Ms O'Dwyer and Mr Cranfield are not excluded from appointment as they are not public employees as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001* and they do not hold a relevant interest as defined under section 10(3) of the OV Act.