

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE ACT 1989

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE DRUGS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

INSTRUMENT NO. 61 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Drugs Advisory Committee (the Committee), which is established under section 66 of the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989* (the Act), is a statutory committee appointed by the Minister for Health and Community Care.

The Committee consists of three medical practitioners, one of whom must be a psychiatrist, and another of whom must be a nominee of the Australian Capital Territory Branch of the Australian Medical Association. Dr Stephen Rosenman, Dr Heather Lopert and Dr Richard Pembrey AM were appointed by the Minister for Health and Community Care as members of the Committee for a period of three years from 22 January 1999.

Subsection 66(7) of the Act specifies that the Minister shall, as occasion requires, appoint one of the members of the Committee to be the Chairperson of the Committee.

Dr Rosenman was the Chairperson of the Committee during his previous term of office as a member of the Committee. The Minister for Health and Community Care has reappointed Dr Stephen Rosenman as Chairperson of the Drugs Advisory Committee.