

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner – Specialist Assistance) Appointment 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-65

made under the

***Legal Aid Act 1977*, s 16 (Constitution of board)**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 14, provides for the establishment of the board of the Legal Aid Commission (the Board). The functions of the Board are to determine the broad policies, priorities and strategies of the Commission for the provision of legal assistance, and to ensure that the commission's affairs are managed in accordance with the Act.

Section 16 (1) (d) of the Act provides for a commissioner who has qualifications, training or experience that will enable the member to give other specialist assistance to the commission in the exercise of its functions. Pursuant to section 16 (3), the Minister must only appoint a Specialist Assistance Commissioner if, in the opinion of the Minister, the commission requires specialist assistance in the exercise of its function.

This instrument appoints Ms Anne Twyman as part-time member of the Board and commissioner of the Board for a period of three years commencing on the day after notification.

Members of the board appointed by the Minister are appointed on a part-time basis, under section 16(4) of the Act.

Ms Twyman is not a public servant.

Under section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal Affairs. The Committee advised that it had no recommendations to make.