

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND THREE MEMBERS
TO THE
MEDICAL BOARD
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
Instrument No's 90 . 91 . 92 & 93 of 1997**

The *Medical Practitioners Act 1930* (the Act) provides for the registration of persons engaged in medical practice and for other purposes.

Section 7 of the Act establishes the Board. Section 8 of the Act provides for the constitution of the Board. Paragraph 8(1)(a) of the Act requires that the chairperson and 3 other members be appointed in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*.

The appointments of the chairperson and the three members concludes on 5 June 1997

The profession was advised of the vacancies in a newsletter sent out to all registered persons during January 1997, seeking expressions of interest in appointment to the Board. The closing date for responses was 28 February 1997. Four responses for appointment as a member and one response for appointment as chairperson were received by that date.

Dr Angus McIntosh submitted an expression of interest in being re-appointed as chairperson. His current professional position is that of Director of Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital. He has served as chairperson of the Medical Board for the past six years. No other expressions of interest for appointment to the position of chairperson were received.

Dr Christine Bennett is re-appointed as a member of the Board. She has previously served on the Board and will provide assistance to the Board through her experiences as a general practitioner and barrister and solicitor.

Dr Lybus Hillman is re-appointed as a member of the Board. She has previously served on the Board and will provide support to the Board through her experiences as a specialist (gastroenterologist) medical practitioner.

Dr Sashi Kumar is appointed to the third vacant member position. He is an overseas graduate whose current professional position is that of Senior Staff Specialist in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Canberra Hospital. He will bring to the Board his experiences as an emergency specialist in a public hospital as well as provide a multicultural aspect to the Board's deliberations

Appointments to the Board are for the period commencing 6 June 1997 to and including 5 June 2000.

After consideration by Cabinet these appointments were forwarded to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for referral to the Social Policy Committee for its consideration.