

**Instrument NO. 140 OF 1997**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**Arrangements made under Section 10(2) - 2/1997**

***Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989***

**Legislative Context**

Section 10(2) of the Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989 provides for the employment of staff by Members of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of the Territory, in accordance with the arrangements approved by the Chief Minister

**Outline**

From 1 July 1997 the Chief Minister will introduce new employment arrangements for staff employed under the Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989

This instrument provides new arrangements and conditions under which members are able to employ staff and underpins the new employment arrangements. The new arrangements provide

- for the use of a contract of employment,
- keeping of attendance records,
- a staff salary allocation for 1997/98 financial year,
- flexibility in the use of members' resource allocations,
- arrangements for funding of relief staff,
- parameters for the use of Australian Workplace Agreements,
- procedures prior to entering into employment agreements, and
- continuity of service for staff employed at the time new employment arrangements are introduced.

**Financial Implications**

Provision has been made within the existing budget for the new employment arrangements.