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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Mr Rugendyke)

Inquiries Amendment Bill 2000

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Inquiries Act 1991*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Inquiries Amendment Act 2000*.

5 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day it is notified in the Gazette.

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3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Inquiries Act 1991*.

4 Insertion

After section 5 the following section is inserted:

5 "5A When must an inquiry be established?"

"(1) This section applies if the Legislative Assembly passes a resolution naming this section that calls for the Executive to appoint a board of inquiry to inquire into the matter stated in the resolution (the *stated matter*).

"(2) The Executive must exercise its power under section 5 to appoint a board of inquiry to inquire into the stated matter within 21 days after the resolution is passed.

"(3) If the resolution states a date when the board must report on the inquiry, the Executive must fix that date for submission of the report."

5 Tabling of reports

Section 14A is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

"(1A) If a report is submitted by a board required to be appointed under section 5A (When must an inquiry be established?) the Chief Minister must—

(a) lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly within 5 sitting days after the report is submitted to the Chief Minister; or

(b) if the report contains information that the Chief Minister is satisfied should not be made public because of its confidential nature or for any other reason—

(i) give the report to the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee (the *Standing Committee*) whose terms of reference include the subject-area of the matter inquired into within 14 days after the report is submitted to the Chief Minister; or

(ii) give any part of the report that the Chief Minister considers should not be made public to the Standing Committee in accordance with subparagraph (i) and lay

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a copy of the rest of the report before the Legislative Assembly in accordance with paragraph (a).

Examples of Standing Committee for subparagraph (b) (i)

- 5 For an inquiry into a matter dealing with a teacher, the Standing Committee whose terms of reference include education would be the appropriate Committee to which to give the report.

For an inquiry into a matter dealing with treatment of medical patients, the Standing Committee whose terms of reference include health would be the appropriate Committee to which to give the report.”

Endnote

Act amended

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