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**APPROPRIATION (HIH) BILL 2000-2001**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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The *Appropriation (HIH) Bill 2000-2001* provides for appropriations for the payment for expenses on behalf of the Territory of \$33.814 million to the Department of Urban Services. The Bill also provides for an amendment to the *Workers' Compensation Supplementation Fund Act 1980*.

Section 58 of the *Australian Capital Territory ( Self-Government ) Act 1988*, states that public money may not be issued or spent except as authorised by law. Section 6 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* provides for the payment of public money only where it is in accordance with an appropriation.

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**Section 1** cites the name of the Act as being the *Appropriation (HIH) Act 2000-2001*.

**Section 2** provides for the Act to commence on the day it is notified in the Gazette.

**Section 3** refers to the legislative basis for making appropriations.

**Section 4** deals with interpretation for the purposes of the Act.

**Section 5** provides for additional appropriation of \$33,814,000 for the payment of expenses on behalf of the Territory to the Department of Urban Services in the financial year that began on 1 July 2000.

**Section 6** refers to the legislation being amended (*Workers' Compensation Supplementation Fund Act 1980*).

**Section 7** substitutes Section 7 (c) of the Act with “ (c) any amount payable under section 8 A, 25 or 25B; and ”.

**Section 8** substitutes the heading for Part 4 of the Act with “ Part 4 Contributions to fund” and “Division 4.1 Surcharge on employer's policies”.

**Section 9** inserts a new section “Division 4.2 Contributions by Territory” which includes two subsections:

25A Territory contributions to Fund, clarifies that the Territory is not liable to meet the cost of claims, or make contributions.

25B Repayment of Territory contributions to fund, provides for a mechanism for the recovery of contributions by the Territory once the Treasurer is satisfied the fund contains an amount that is not needed to meet reasonably foreseeable claims against the fund.