

Financial Management and Accountability Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 4) 2002 No. 298

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 2002 No. 298

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Finance and Administration

Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997

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Subsection 65(1) of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The Act provides a framework for the proper management of public money and public property that applies to Chief Executives and officials of agencies. Certain agencies are prescribed for the purposes of the Act.

The purpose of the Regulations is to reflect a prescribed Agency's name change and to correct legislative references for three other prescribed agencies.

Specifically, the Regulations:

- reflect the name change of the existing prescribed Agency, "Public Service and Merit Protection Commission", to "Australian Public Service Commission (APS Commission)", for purposes of the FMA Act (Schedule 1, Item [1]);
- clarify the link between the administrative name "Centrelink" and the statutory name "Commonwealth Service Delivery Agency" for the existing prescribed Agency, "Centrelink", for purposes of the FMA Act (Schedule 1, Items [2] and [3]);
- re-alphabetise the list of prescribed Agencies to reflect changed names or correct the alphabetical order of prescribed Agencies (Schedule 1, Items [1], [2], [3], [4] and [5]);
- render terminology used in relation to the National Competition Council (NCC) consistent with that used in its enabling legislation, and, for both the NCC and Centrelink, correct legislative references to enabling legislation that describes how these Agencies are constituted and their staff engaged (Schedule 1, Items [2] and [4]);
- include cross-references to "Note B" for Centrelink and the NCC to indicate that they are also Statutory Agencies under the *Public Service Act 1999* (Schedule 1, Items [1], [2] and [4]); and
- amend explanatory Note A to include Gazette details of the Executive Agency status of the Bureau of Meteorology under the *Public Service Act 1999* (Schedule 1, Item [6]).

The Regulations commenced on gazettal.

