

Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1) 2000 No. 354

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 2000 No. 354

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Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

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Section 395 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act.

Subsection 22(2) of the Act provides that an electoral officer shall be paid such allowances (if any) as are prescribed.

Section 5 of the Act defines "electoral officer" as meaning the Electoral Commissioner, the Deputy Electoral Commissioner or an Australian Electoral Officer for a State.

The Regulations amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Regulations 2000* to include allowances that apply to the Australian Electoral Officer for South Australia.

The proposal was brought about because reference can no longer be made to uniform terms and conditions applying to employees of the Australian Public Service. In examining options for setting terms and conditions for the Australian Electoral Officer for South Australia, it was considered that certain allowances needed to be prescribed.

The Regulations prescribe:

- * the relocation allowance;
- * family care allowance; and
- * certain travel costs for family members.

The Regulations commenced on 8 January 2001.