

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*

#### *FMA Act Determination 2013/16 — Section 32 (Transfer of Functions from PM&C to Social Services) (the Determination)*

##### **Purpose of the Determination**

The Determination is made under section 32 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act), to adjust amounts appropriated to particular agencies in response to the Administrative Arrangements Order made on 18 September 2013.

The Determination adjusts appropriations to support functions in relation to the non-profit sector and volunteering, transferring from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to the Department of Social Services (Social Services).

The increase to the administered appropriation for Outcome 3 for Social Services is an increase to the unspent amount of administered appropriation that had been provided to the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs' Outcome 3.

Under the Determination the purposes for which the increased amount may be applied by the Department of Social Services include those in relation to the non-profit sector and volunteering activities specified in the 2013-2014 Portfolio Budget Statements of PM&C.

##### **Transfer of Functions generally**

Section 32 of the FMA Act enables the Finance Minister to determine that one or more Schedules to one or more Appropriation Acts are amended in a specified way in relation to the transfer of a function from one Agency to another.

Under section 62 of the FMA Act, the Finance Minister has delegated the power to make determinations under section 32 to the Secretary of the Department of Finance. Under section 53 of the FMA Act, the Secretary has, in turn, sub-delegated this power to certain Senior Executive Service officials within the Department of Finance, including the official who made the Determination.

The Determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of section 5 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

##### **Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights**

A Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required for the Determination. Subsection 9(1) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* requires a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights for all legislative instruments subject to disallowance under section 42 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. A determination under section 32 of the FMA Act is exempt from disallowance under subsection 32(7) of the FMA Act. As such, a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.

##### **Consultation and Impact**

Consistent with Part 3 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, PM&C and Social Services were consulted in the preparation of the Determination.

### Summary of Changes

The Determination affects Schedule 1 to the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2013-2014* in the following way, which results in no change to the total amount appropriated by Parliament:

<b>Agency affected</b>	<b>Item affected</b>	<b>Appropriation Act</b>	<b>Transfer to (\$ '000)</b>	<b>Transfer from (\$ '000)</b>
Department of Social Services	Administered item, Outcome 3	<i>Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2013-2014</i>	+2,873	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Administered item, Outcome 1	<i>Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2013-2014</i>		-2,873
<b>Total</b>			<b>+2,873</b>	<b>-2,873</b>