

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013

*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability
(Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2024-2025 (No. 4)*

Purpose of the determination

Section 75 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) enables the Finance Minister to determine that one or more Schedules to one or more Appropriation Acts are modified in a specified way in relation to the transfer of a function from one non-corporate Commonwealth entity to another. The power in section 75 recognises that the Executive Government will from time to time choose to reorganise the administration and delivery of its functions with commensurate transfers of resources, including appropriations, between entities.

Subsection 75(7) of the PGPA Act provides that a determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument, but that section 42 (disallowance) of the *Legislation Act 2003* does not apply to the determination. The Explanatory Memorandum for the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013 provides (at paragraph 370) that determinations made under section 75 are exempt from disallowance as the changes effected by determinations made under section 75 are in the nature of administrative changes only, relating to the Executive Government's decisions about the allocation of functions to particular entities.

Under section 107 of the PGPA Act, the Finance Minister has delegated the power to make determinations under section 75 to the Secretary of the Department of Finance. Under section 109 of the PGPA Act, the Secretary has, in turn, subdelegated this power to certain officials within the Department of Finance.

As part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Government agreed to establish a new body to protect and promote the rights, interests and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Funding to establish the new body was provided to the Department of Social Services. The National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People (the National Commission) will commence on 13 January 2025 as a new non-corporate Commonwealth entity for the purposes of the finance law as defined in the PGPA Act.

The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2024-2025 (No. 4) (the amendment determination) amends the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Determination 2024-2025 (the principal determination) to reflect the first transfer of appropriations from the Department of Social Services to the National Commission.

The amendment determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of section 8 of the *Legislation Act 2003*. It does not change the total amount appropriated by the Parliament.

The principal determination modifies the specified 2024-25 Appropriation Acts to, among other things, increase or decrease appropriation items for affected entities due to the transfer of functions between them.

The specified 2024-25 Appropriation Acts include:

- the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2024-2025*; and
- the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2024-2025*.

Commencement

The amendment determination commences on 13 January 2025.

Statement of compatibility with human rights

A statement of compatibility with human rights is not required for the amendment 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 *Legislation Act 2003*. A determination made under subsection 75(2) of the PGPA Act is exempt from disallowance under subsection (7). As such, a statement of compatibility with human rights is not required.

Consultation

Consistent with section 17 of the *Legislation Act 2003*, the affected entities were consulted in the preparation of the amendment determination.

Summary of amendments

- 1. Item 1 of Schedule 1 to the amendment determination inserts subsection 5(1D) in the principal determination which has effect as if Schedule 1 to the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2024-2025* included a departmental item for the National Commission and the outcome for that entity as set out in paragraph 5(1D)(b).
- 2. Item 2 of Schedule 1 to the amendment determination adds items 22 and 23 at the end of the table in subsection 5(2) of the principal determination and has effect as if the appropriation items in Schedule 1 to the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2024-2025* were increased or decreased in accordance with the table included in the subsection. If an appropriation item exists only because of the principal determination, the increase is from a nil amount. The amendment determination does not change the total amount appropriated by the Parliament.

Item	Entity	Appropriation item	Previous increase/ decrease by the principal determination (\$)	Current increase/ decrease by the amendment determination (\$)	Total increase/ decrease by the principal determination (\$)
22	Department of Social Services	Departmental item	0.00	-764,670.00	-764,670.00
23	National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People	Departmental item	0.00	+764,670.00	+764,670.00

Note: A positive amount reflects an increase in an appropriation item and a negative amount reflects a decrease in an appropriation item.