

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AGED CARE ACT 1997

SECTION 44-28

DETERMINATION OF RATES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (ACA Ch. 3 No. 12/2005)

PENSIONER SUPPLEMENT

Subsection 44-28(7) of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (the Act) provides that the Minister may determine in writing the amount of the pensioner supplement.

All care recipients who meet the requirements of subsection 44-28(2) of the Act and who are not excluded under subsection 44-28(3) of the Act are eligible for a pensioner supplement. This includes residents who receive an income support payment (but who have not agreed to pay a large bond), residents with dependent children and residents provided with respite care.

This determination sets the pensioner supplement rate with effect from 1 July 2005.

Consultation

As the indexation of this supplement uses a well established formula for indexation, no specific consultation with industry was undertaken with respect to this instrument.