

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2014-2015 (No. 7) (the amendment determination)

Purpose of the determination

The amendment determination modifies the 2014-2015 Appropriation Acts to support functions transferred from the Department of Social Security to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) following the amalgamation of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal with the AAT on 1 July 2015.

The amendment determination is made under section 75 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) to amend the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Determination 2014-2015* (the Determination).

The amendment determination results in no change to the total amount appropriated by Parliament.

Commencement

The amendment determination commences on 1 December 2016.

Authority for the determination

Section 75 of the 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.

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, sub-delegated this power to certain officials within the Department of Finance, including the official who made the determination.

The amendment determination amends *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Determination 2014-2015*, which is a legislative instrument for the purposes of section 8 of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

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, including an amendment determination, under section 75 of the PGPA Act is exempt from disallowance under subsection 75(7) of the PGPA Act. As such, a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.

Consultation

Consistent with Chapter 3, Part 1 of the *Legislation Act 2003*, the affected entities were consulted in the preparation of the amendment determination.

Summary of Modifications

1. Items 1 and 2 of the amendment determination modify specified items in the table in subsection 5(4) of the Determination. The items affect relevant appropriation items in Schedule 1 to *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2014-2015* in the following way:

Item	Entity	Appropriation item	Amount previously transferred by the Determination (\$)	Transfer Increase (+) / decrease (-) (\$)	Amended amount transferred by the Determination (\$)
9	Department of Social Services	Departmental item	-14,494,000.00	-8,899,538.57	-23,393,538.57
19	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Departmental item	+20,855,446.00	+8,899,538.57	+29,754,984.57

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