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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY

**DI2024-278 LEGAL AID (COMMISSIONER - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) APPOINTMENT
2024 – REVISED EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Presented by
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Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner – Financial Management) Appointment 2024

Disallowable instrument DI2024–278

made under the

Legal Aid Act 1977, s 16 (2) (Constitution of board)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 6 of the Legal Aid Act 1977 (the Act) establishes the Legal Aid Commission (ACT). The Commission's functions include provision of legal assistance in ACT matters in accordance with the Act.

Part 3 of the Act establishes the Board of Commission. Under section 16(1)(v), the board must include one member who has expertise in financial management.

This instrument appoints Brian Thomas to the Commission's board as the member who has expertise in financial management for a period of two years.

Members of the board appointed by the Minister are appointed on a part-time basis, under section 16(4) of the Act.

Mr Thomas is not a public servant. As required under section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, consultation with the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety was undertaken for this appointment.