

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 5 of 1954.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Police Ordinance 1927-1950.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1938* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1947*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Police Ordinance 1954*.* Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Police Ordinance 1927-1950* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Police Ordinance 1927-1954*.

2. Section four of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the definition of “Chief Officer” and inserting in its stead the following definition:— Definitions.

“ ‘Commissioner’ means the Commissioner of Police; ”.

3.—(1.) Section five of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:— Establishment of Police Force.

“ (1.) The Minister shall—

- (a) appoint a person to be the Commissioner of Police; and
- (b) appoint such constables, sergeants and officers of police as the Minister thinks necessary.

“ (1A.) The persons appointed under the last preceding subsection constitute the Police Force of the Territory.

“ (1B.) The Minister may appoint clerical officers in connexion with the Police Force.”.

(2.) The person who held office as Chief Officer of Police under the Principal Ordinance immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance shall, after that commencement, be deemed to have been appointed as the Commissioner of Police under the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance.

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 4th February, 1954.

(3.) The constables, sergeants, officers of police and clerical officers who held office under the Principal Ordinance immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance shall, after that commencement, be deemed to have been appointed to their respective offices under the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance.

Oath of office
to be taken.

4.—(1.) Section six of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(1.) A person appointed to be a member of the Police Force is not capable of acting as such a member until he has taken and subscribed an oath or made and subscribed an affirmation in which—ever of the following forms is appropriate:—

OATH.

I, A.B., do swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen as a member of the Police Force of the Australian Capital Territory, without favour or affection, malice or ill-will, from this date until I am discharged from that Police Force; that I will cause Her Majesty's Peace to be kept and preserved, and that I will prevent, to the best of my power, all offences against that peace, and that, while I continue to be a member of that Police Force, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully discharge all my duties according to law:

So help me God!

Taken and subscribed at
this day of }
19 . }
Before me—

AFFIRMATION.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen as a member of the Police Force of the Australian Capital Territory, without favour or affection, malice or ill-will, from this date until I am discharged from that Police Force; that I will cause Her Majesty's Peace to be kept and preserved, and that I will prevent, to the best of my power, all offences against that peace, and that while I continue to be a member of that Police Force, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully discharge all my duties according to law.

Made and subscribed at
this day of }
19 . }
Before me—

(2.) A person to whom sub-section (2.) or (3.) of the last preceding section applies is not required to take an oath or make an affirmation under section six of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance.

Temporary
transfers to
Police Force
of other
Territories.

5. Section seven A of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “Chief Officer” and inserting in their stead the word “Commissioner”.

Power to
grant general
search warrants.

6. Section fourteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-sections (1.), (2.) and (4.) the words “Chief Officer” and inserting in their stead the word “Commissioner”.

7. Section twenty-six of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "Chief Officer" and inserting in their stead the word "Commissioner".

Sale of
unclaimed
goods.

8. The Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "Chief Officer of Police" and inserting in their stead the words "Commissioner of Police".

schedule.

Dated this nineteenth day of January, 1954.

W. J. SLIM

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. S. KENT HUGHES

Minister of State for the Interior.