

- (5) the method of publication of subordinate legislation should be reviewed with attention being paid to the need for consolidation of instruments and their publication in accessible form. In this context, the possibility of the establishment of a Federal Register should be considered.

The proposals set out above could well be undertaken as a collaborative project by the Administrative Review Council and the Senate Regulations and Ordinances Committee.

The possibility of establishing a Committee to review the merits of selected, more sensitive, subordinate legislative instruments should also be examined by the Parliament.

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Administrative Review Council

REPORTS

The Council's Thirteenth Annual Report, 1988-89, was adopted by the Council on 1 September 1989.

LETTERS OF ADVICE

Since the July 1989 issue of Admin Review the Council has provided the Attorney-General with letters of advice on the following issues:

- . requirement for documents under section 37 of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act and location of AAT premises;
- . costs associated with the use of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

OTHER PAPERS

- . submission to the National Legal Aid Advisory Committee;
- . report to the 14th Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference.

CURRENT WORK PROGRAM - DEVELOPMENTS

Access to administrative review. The Council's submission to the National Legal Aid Advisory Committee on issues relating to legal aid in administrative review was forwarded to the Committee in October. Council's work on access is currently

being pursued through the Multicultural Australia project and a submission on the costs of justice for the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Community Services and Health. Work is continuing on the discussion paper on review issues in the area of joint Federal/State funding programs and a draft report on review of decisions involving assessment of therapeutic products.

Broadcasting. A draft of the discussion paper on inquiry procedures of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal and review of its procedural decisions is currently being prepared for the Council by the Communications Law Centre. The Council is also examining the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal (Inquiries) Regulations to determine the extent to which the Council's recommendations in its Report No. 12, Australian Broadcasting Tribunal Procedures, have been implemented.

Subordinate and Intermediate Tribunals. At its meeting on 13 October 1989 the Council agreed to host a conference in early 1990 to enable these tribunals to exchange views on matters of joint interest.

Informal rule-making. See 'Administrative Law Watch', p.xx.

Review of the AD(JR) Act. The discussion paper on the furnishing of statements of reasons under section 13 of the AD(JR) Act is near completion.

Multicultural Australia. Selection for the position of project leader for the Multicultural Australia project is near finalisation. The project will be based in Melbourne.

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NEW JURISDICTION

Since the last issue of Admin Review new jurisdiction has been conferred on the AAT under the following legislation:

- . Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1954 as amended by the Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Amendment Act 1989
- . Australian Securities Commission Act 1989
- . Bounty (Ships) Act 1989
- . Close Corporations Act 1989
- . Corporations Act 1989
- . Lands Acquisition Act 1989
- . Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989