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Police Administration Amendment (Grievances) Bill 2009
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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (GRIEVANCES) ACT 2009

Act No. [] of 2009

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An Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*

[Assented to [] 2009]
[Second reading [] 2009]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Police Administration Amendment (Grievances) Act 2009*.

2 Act amended

This Act amends the *Police Administration Act*.

3 New section 163

After section 162

insert

163 Grievances

- (1) This section applies in relation to a member (the **aggrieved member**) who is aggrieved about a matter relating to his or her service, other than a matter about remuneration, or terms and conditions of service, as mentioned in section 35.
- (2) The aggrieved member may apply to the Commissioner for resolution of the grievance in accordance with the general orders.

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- (3) As soon as practicable after the date the application is first given to a person in accordance with the general orders (but no later than 14 days after the date), the Commissioner must give written notice to the aggrieved member acknowledging receipt of the grievance.
 - (4) Within 6 months after the date the application is first given to a person in accordance with the general orders, the Commissioner must resolve the grievance.
 - (5) Despite subsection (4) and before the end of the period of 6 months as mentioned in that subsection, either of the following may apply to the Minister for an extension of not more than 3 months for resolution of the grievance:
 - (a) the Commissioner;
 - (b) the aggrieved member.
 - (6) The Minister may grant a single extension of not more than 3 months for resolution of the grievance if the Minister believes:
 - (a) the circumstances relating to the grievance are of sufficient complexity to justify the extension; or
 - (b) the Commissioner asked the aggrieved member to provide further information, the request and the time allowed to provide the information was reasonable but the aggrieved member has not provided the information or has not provided it within the allowed time.
 - (7) The Minister must give written notice to the Commissioner and the aggrieved member about the Minister's decision under subsection (6), including, for example, the period of extension.