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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

This Bill provides for an amendment to the *Audit Act 1901* to make it clear that the Auditor-General is an officer of the Parliament.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

It is estimated that the Bill will have no impact on Commonwealth revenue.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title

Provides for the citation of the Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

Provides for the Act to commence upon Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

This clause cites the *Audit Act 1901* as the Principal Act.

Clause 4. Repeal

This clause would repeal existing section 3 of the Principal Act. It proposes a new section 3, to provide—

- (a) by sub clause 3(1) that there is to be appointed, as an officer of the Parliament, an Auditor-General for the Commonwealth;
- (b) by sub clause 3(2) that the Auditor-General is to be appointed on the recommendation of each House of the Parliament.

Clause 5: Transitional provisions

This clause would allow the person holding the office of Auditor-General on the commencement of this Act to continue in office after the commencement of the Act despite the new arrangements.
