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AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL 1984

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the Authority of the Minister for Industry and
Commerce, Senator the Honourable John N. Button)

OUTLINE

The Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Amendment Bill 1984 proposes to amend the Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act 1977 to extend the period of that Act until the Government announces its decision on the Industries Assistance Commission's (IAC) report entitled "Computer Hardware and Software, Typewriters, Calculators and Other Office Machines, Parts and Accessories, Recording Media". The IAC's final report on these industries was received by the Government on 10 February 1984 and the Government's decision is expected to be announced by 6 May 1984.

The Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act provides assistance to the automatic data processing (ADP) industry in Australia by way of a bounty on the production of specified ADP equipment and parts. Such bounty is presently payable until 28 March 1984 at the rate of 7.5 per cent of the value added by Australian ADP equipment manufacturers.

The present rate of bounty will continue to operate during the proposed extended period.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1

Citation of the amending Act and identifies the Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act 1977 as the Principal Act.

Clause 2 : Commencement

Provides for the amending Act to come into operation on 28 March 1984. This is the day upon which the existing Act expires.

Clause 3 : Periods during which bounty payable

Extends the Principal Act until 6 May 1984. This is the day upon which the Government expects to announce its decision on the IAC report. Provision is made for an extension beyond that date, by Ministerial notification in the Gazette, to allow for any unforeseen delay.

