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**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT  
BILL 1992**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Aboriginal  
Reconciliation, the Hon Robert Tickner MP)

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**OUTLINE**

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Aboriginal Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989 which provides grants of financial assistance to the State and Territory governments, non government school systems, Aboriginal education institutions and Aboriginal education consultative bodies.

The current Act provides funding for the 1990-92 Triennium. The Bill provides funding for Aboriginal education initiatives for the 1993-95 Triennium amounting to \$241.351 million.

The amount includes \$17.330 million in respect of the Government's decision to provide additional funding for initiatives directed at addressing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, in relation to additional preschool places and additional Aboriginal education workers.

The amount also takes into account the Government's decision to allocate \$16.793 million for Aboriginal languages and literacy initiatives.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Bill provides for the appropriation of \$76.914 million in 1993, \$81.342 million in 1994 and \$83.095 million in 1995.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES OF THE BILL

### Clause 1: Short title etc

1. Provides for the Act to be cited as the *Aboriginal Education (Supplementary Assistance) Amendment Act 1992*.

### Clause 2: Commencement

2. Provides that the Act shall come into operation on the day it receives the Royal Assent. Section 6 which repeals Sections 11, 12, 13 and 13A and Schedules 1 and 2 of the *Aboriginal Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989* comes into operation on 1 July 1993.

### Clause 3: Interpretation

3. Provides for a specific definition of the nature and type of payments permitted under the Act to take into account associated payments in relation to the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the achievement of the objects of the Act and in relation to the publicising of the Act.

### Clause 4: Appropriations operate separately

4. Provides that appropriation provisions specified in the Act operate independently notwithstanding that the appropriation periods overlap

### Clause 5: Appropriation of Moneys

5. Provides for:

(a) the appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an amount equivalent to the amount of unspent appropriations from 1992 which is to be available for payments under the Act for a six month period ending 30 June 1993; and

(b) the appropriation of amounts from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of making payments under the Act. Appropriated amounts are available for a period of 18 months.

Clause 6: Repeal of certain sections

6. Provides for the repeal of Sections 11, 12, 13 and 13A and Schedules 1 and 2 of the *Aboriginal Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989* which appropriate amounts from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the years 1990-1992.

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