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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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GENERAL OUTLINE

This Bill is to enable the abolition of the Automotive Industry Authority. A number of the Authority's existing functions will be consolidated into the automotive policy and industry development functions within the Department of Industry, Science and Technology.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

An amount of 1.1 million, equal to the Authority's 1993/94 appropriation will be required to meet the costs of closing down the Authority in 1994/95. Ongoing savings will then amount to 0.6 million per annum.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 - Short Title

1. This clause provides that the Act may be cited as the Automotive Industry Authority Repeal Act 1994.

Clause 2 - Commencement

2. This clause provides for the Act to commence on 1 July 1994.

Clause 3 - Definition

3. This clouse is self-explanatory.

Clause 4 - Repeal

4. Following the recommendation in the 1994 White Paper entitled <u>Working</u> <u>Nation Policies and Programs</u>, the *Automotive Industry Authority Act 1984* is to be repealed to consolidate automotive policy and industry development functions within the Department of Industry, Science and Technology.

Clause 5 - Report on operations of Authority

5. The Automotive Industry Authority Act 1984 included a requirement that a report on the Authority's operations together with financial statements be prepared annually. This clause provides for the Minister to provide a final report addressing these matters for the 1993/94 year.

Clause 6 - Audit of financial statements

6. This clause is self-explanatory.

Clause 7 - Reports and financial statements to be laid before Parliament

7. This clause is self-explanatory.