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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Australian National University Act 1946 to require the University to impose the higher education administration charge announced in the Budget.

The charge will be \$250 per student for 1987. Estimated revenue from the charge will be offset to the extent of 90% against the Commonwealth general recurrent grant. 10% of the charge will be retained by the University for expenditure at its discretion.

The Bill also provides for the exemption of certain categories of student from the charge as outlined in the Minister's statement on Tertiary Education and the 1986-87 Budget.

It is expected that the charge will raise some \$1.579 million in 1987, enabling the Commonwealth to reduce its grant to the University by \$1.421 million.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 : Short title

Clause 2 : Higher education administration charge: This clause provides for the insertion of additional definitions relating to enrolments for the purposes of the charge. In particular the clause specifies the categories of enrolment which are liable for the charge and those which are exempt from the charge, viz, enrolments in courses of technical and further education, full fee paying overseas students, persons enrolling in a course who have previously enrolled in another course in the same year at the same institution and have paid the charge, beneficiaries of certain Commonwealth pensions, benefits and allowances (to be specified by the Minister in the Gazette), enrolments in a course which is required as part of the course being undertaken at another institution and persons holding a scholarship awarded by the University with a living allowance of at least \$1,000.

The Clause also provides for the University to impose the charge being the amount determined for the relevant year under Section 4D of the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984.