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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

OUTLINE

The major provisions of the Bill are designed to:

- . amend the Archives Act 1983:
 - to allow the Australian Archives to levy charges on Commonwealth agencies for discretionary services;
- . repeal the Naval Properties Transfer Act 1925;
- . repeal the Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Act 1981;
- . amend the Parliamentary Allowances Act 1952 to ensure that allowances paid to office holders of the Parliament are paid for that office during the period from dissolution until polling day; and
- . amend the Sales Tax Assessment Act (No.1) 1930 and the Social Security Act 1947 to omit reference the Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Limited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

These provisions are administrative and there will be no additional costs involved in their implementation.

CLAUSE NOTES

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Clause 1: Short Title

Clause 2: Commencement

The clause provides that the Act will come into effect on the day it receives Royal Assent.

PART 2 - AMENDMENTS OF THE ARCHIVES ACT 1983

Clause 3 : Principal Act

Clause 4 : Interpretation

This clause amends section 3 of the Principal Act to provide a definition of 'discretionary services'.

Clause 5:

This clause amends section 69, by inserting 69A which provides that where discretionary services are provided to Commonwealth institutions the Director-General may determine, in writing, a charge for the service.

Clause 6: Regulations

Section 71 of the Principal Act provides that charges for services, including discretionary services, to Commonwealth institutions be prescribed by regulation. This clause deletes the requirement for charges for discretionary services for Commonwealth institutions to be prescribed by regulation.

PART 3 - REPEAL AND AMENDMENTS OF VARIOUS ACTS

Clause 7: Repeal of Acts

Clause 8: Amendment of Acts

Schedule

Parliamentary Allowances Act 1952

The Act is amended by omitting sub-sections 5(3) and 5A(3) to provide that Parliamentary Office Holders are eligible to receive allowances for their office from the time of dissolution of the either House or the Parliament until polling day.

Sales Tax Assessment Act (No.1) 1930

Social Security Act 1947

These Acts are amended to remove reference to the Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Limited.