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BOUNTY (ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister Assisting the
Minister for Industry and Commerce, the Honourable
John J. Brown, MP)

OUTLINE

This bill proposes an extension of the bounty period under the Bounty (Room Air Conditioners) Act 1983 until 30 June 1984 and provides an additional amount of \$1,500,000 for payment of bounty during that period.

The Bounty (Room Air Conditioners) Act 1983 provides bounty assistance during the period commencing on 27 October 1982 and ending on 30 June 1983 to the manufacturer in Australia of certain refrigerated room air conditioners. The assistance was limited to \$1,500,000 for that period.

The bill reflects the acceptance by the Government of the recommendation of the Temporary Assistance Authority (contained in its report No. 62 of 3 June 1983 entitled "Certain Air Conditioning Machines") to continue the assistance for a further year at the same rates that applied in 1982/83.

The amendments to section 16 of the Act are proposed as a consequence of the comments made by the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills in its second report dated 18 May 1983.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 : Citation of the amending Act and identifies the Bounty (Room Air Conditioners) Act 1983 as the Principal Act;
- Clause 2 : Provides for the amending Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent;
- Clause 3 : Amends the definition of "bounty period" in section 3 of the Act to provide that the period is to now cease on 30 June 1984;
- Clause 4 : Amends sub-section 8(1) of the Act to increase the amount available for payment of bounty in that sub-section from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000. This has the effect of imposing a limitation of \$1,500,000 on the amount of bounty available during the extended bounty period;
- Clause 5 : Amends section 16 of the Act
- (i) to provide that persons who purchase bountiable air conditioners for use in providing a room with conditioned air will not be required to attend and answer questions pursuant to the section; and
 - (ii) so that a person producing a third party's document which is false or misleading to his knowledge can only be prosecuted for contravention of sub-section 16(3).

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