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BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the Minister for Industry and Commerce and
Minister assisting the Minister for Communications, Senator
the Hon. John Button.)

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OUTLINE

As part of its overall Budget package the Government has decided that the annual licence fees payable by the larger commercial broadcasting stations should be ascertained in accordance with revised formulae and the present ceiling on those fee rates should be increased from 5.0% to 5.5% of annual gross earnings. This Bill gives effect to that decision.

NOTES ON THE CLAUSES OF THE BILL

Clause 1 - Short title

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 - Commencement

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 September 1983.

Clause 3 - Amount of fees

Clause 3 modifies the formulae for ascertaining the fees payable by stations with annual gross earnings of greater than \$9 million and raises the present ceiling on licence fee rates payable by commercial broadcasting stations from 5% to 5.5% of annual gross earnings.