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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EXPORT GRANTS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1981

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the
Minister for Trade and Resources)

OUTLINE

The Bill provides for the restructuring of the Export Development Grants Board so that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are drawn from the part-time members of the Board with the full-time member being responsible for the carrying out of the Board's decisions and the day to day operation of the secretariat. The effect of this change will be to bring the Board in line with the structure of Boards of other statutory authorities.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON PART I - EXPORT GRANTS ACTS
AMENDMENT ACT 1981

This Part identifies the Bill

Clause 1 : Cites the Bill as the Export Grants Acts
Amendment Act 1981.

Clause 2 : Provides for the Act to become operative from
the date of its Proclamation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON PART II - EXPORT GRANTS ACTS
AMENDMENT ACT 1981

This Part provides for changes to the Export Market Development Grants Act 1974 to effect the restructuring of the Export Development Grants Board as described in the outline.

Clause 3 : Cites the Export Market Development Grants Act 1974 as the Principal Act in this Part.

Clause 4 : Provides the structure and membership of the Board and for the transfer of the person holding the office of Chairman of the Board prior to the proclamation of this Bill to be deemed to have been appointed as the "Executive Member" upon Proclamation.

Clause 5 : Transfers the term of office from the Chairman of the Board to the newly created office of full-time "Executive Member".

Clause 6 : Provides for the conditions of termination of office to transfer from the office of Chairman to Executive Member.

Clause 7 : Provides for the Minister to appoint an acting Executive Member to the Board.

Clause 8 : Provides for the selection of an acting Chairman in the absences of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Clause 9 : Outlines the duties of the Chairman and the Executive Member.

Clause 10 : Expands section 33 of the Principal Act to allow the delegation of power(s) to the Executive Member.

Clause 11 : Preserves the rights of the current Chairman following his transfer to the office of Executive Member on Proclamation of this Bill.

Clause 12 : Provides for the Executive Member to certify an overpayment of Grant and for that certificate to be prima facie evidence of the fact.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON PART III - EXPORT GRANTS ACTS
AMENDMENT ACT 1981

This Part provides the change to the Export Expansion Grants Act 1978 necessary to effect the restructuring of the Export Development Grants Board.

Clause 13 : Cites the Export Expansion Grants Act 1978 as the Principal Act for this Part.

Clause 14 : Provides for the Executive Member to certify an overpayment of Grant and for that certificate to be prima facie evidence of the fact.

