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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Attorney-General,
the Hon. Michael Duffy, MP)

AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991

OUTLINE

The amendment to be moved by the Government omits an incorrect reference in the Bill to telephone directories published by the Australian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation.

Financial Impact

The Government amendment will have no financial impact.

The proposed Government amendment will amend clause 9 of the Bill.

2. Clause 9 of the Bill amends section 15 of the FOI Act to specify the requirements of a valid request for access to documents of an agency or Minister. New paragraph 15(2)(d) requires requests to be sent to the address of an agency or Minister specified in a telephone directory published by the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation.

3. The Corporation will not become operational until 1992. In addition future competitors of AOTC may publish telephone directories. The Government amendment therefore alters clause 9 of the Bill so that new paragraph 15(2)(d) will provide that requests are to be sent to the address of an agency or Minister specified in any current telephone directory.

