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GOVERNOR-GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL 1988

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Prime Minister, the
Honourable R.J.L. Hawke, AC, MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

Section 3 of the Constitution provides that the salary of a Governor-General shall not be altered during his continuance in office.

The Governor-General Act 1974 provided, when enacted, that the annual sum payable for the salary of the Governor-General was \$30,000. The Act was amended in 1977 and 1982 to increase the annual sum to \$37,000 and then \$70,000.

This Bill amends the Governor-General Act 1974 to increase the annual sum payable for the salary of the Governor-General from \$70,000 to \$95,000. The increase will not take effect until the current Governor-General has left office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The current Governor-General will leave office on 15 February 1988. This Bill will result in increased expenditure of approximately \$9,250 in 1988-89 and \$25,000 in 1989-90 and subsequent financial years.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short title

This clause provides for the Act to be cited as the Governor-General Amendment Act 1988.

Clause 2 - Commencement

This clause provides for the Act to commence on Royal Assent, but the amendment made by clause 3 not to have effect while the current Governor-General continues in office.

Clause 3 - Repeal of section 3 of the Governor-General Act 1974 and substitution of new section

Section 3 of the Governor-General Act 1974 provides that the annual sum payable for the salary of the Governor-General shall be \$70,000.

This clause repeals section 3 and substitutes a new section providing that the annual sum payable for the salary of the Governor-General shall be \$95,000.