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INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT
BILL (NO. 2) 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL (NO.2) 1983

OUTLINE

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973 to suspend the requirement in certain circumstances for a report by the Industries Assistance Commission before temporary assistance granted to an industry may be extended.

The practical effect of the bill will be that temporary assistance will be able to be extended for a total of three years (presently two years) to an industry receiving temporary assistance within the twelve months ending 30 June 1984, without the need for a report from the Industries Assistance Commission. However, a report from the Temporary Assistance Authority will still be required annually by the Minister. Extension of assistance beyond three years will also require a prior report from the Industries Assistance Commission.

In addition to the above, the bill incorporates amendments of an administrative nature to bring the Act into line with the current standard form and into line with the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Duty and Private Interest (Bowen Report) including amendments relating to:

- disclosure of interest
- suspension and retirement
- acting appointments.

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- Clause 1 : Short title.
- Clause 2 : Deems section 13 to commence on 1 July 1983. The balance of the provisions of the bill are to commence on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which the bill receives the Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 : Formal amendment to the definition of "Commissioner" in section 4 of the Act.
- Clause 4 : Adds a further provision into section 14 of the Act, to enable the Minister to, with the consent of an Associate Commissioner, retire an Associate Commissioner from office on the grounds of invalidity.
- Clause 5 : Amends section 16 of the Act to add additional criteria under which a Commissioner or Associate Commissioner may be removed from office.
- Clause 6 : Remakes section 17 of the Act to provide for the appointment of an Acting Chairman or Acting Commissioner in certain circumstances for periods not exceeding twelve months.
- Sets out the duties and responsibilities of the Acting Chairman and the Acting Commissioner during that period.
- Clause 7 : Amends section 20 of the Act so that the provisions relating to the disclosure of financial interest conform to the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Duty and Private Interest.
- Clause 8 : Formal.
- Clause 9 : Formal.
- Clause 10 : Amendment to section 25 of the Act as a consequence of the amendment to section 17 proposed by clause 6.
- Clause 11 : Remakes section 26 of the Act to modernize the provision relating to acting appointments.

- Clause 12 : Amends section 28 of the Act relating to disclosure of financial interest so that the provision conforms with the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Duty and Private Interest.
- Clause 13 : Inserts a new section 30JA into the Act to provide that in respect of industries receiving temporary assistance during the period from 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984, temporary assistance to those industries may continue for up to a period of three years subject to annual reports by the Temporary Assistance Authority.