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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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LAYING CHICKEN LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for
Primary Industries and Energy, the Hon John Kerin MP)

LAYING CHICKEN LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989OUTLINE

1. The purpose of this Bill, which is complementary to the Exotic Animal Disease Control Bill 1989, is to amend the Chicken Levy Act 1988 to provide for the egg industry's contribution to the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Trust Account.
2. It is intended that the Laying Chicken Levy Act 1988 will be proclaimed should the States decide to repeal the hen quota system in the egg producing industry. If this does not occur by the commencement of the Exotic Animal Disease Control Act then the egg industry's contribution to the Account will be provided pursuant to the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Act 1987. If the hen quota levy is repealed during the currency of the Control Act, then at that time the egg industry's exotic disease levy contribution will be made pursuant to the laying chicken levy legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

3. The additional levy collection costs incurred by the Commonwealth will be fully recouped from industry contributions to the Trust Account.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short Title

4. Provides mode of citation of Act and reference to the "Principal Act".

Clause 2: Commencement

5. The new levy component will apply when the Principal Act is proclaimed, provided that date does not preceed the commencement of the Exotic Animal Disease Control Act, in which case the exotic disease levy will commence simultaneously with the Control Act.

Clause 3: Rate of Levy

6. Specifies that the operative rate of levy which may be set by regulations for exotic disease purposes can not exceed 0.25 cent.

Clause 4: Regulations

7. Prescribes arrangements to apply to the Governor-General's power to make regulations determining the operative rates of levy for exotic disease purposes.

Clause 5: Cessation of operation of certain provisions

8. Levy liability will cease to accrue at the end of 30 June 1995

