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LAYING CHICKEN LEVY AMENDMENT (AAHC) BILL 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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



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GENERAL OUTLINE

1. The purpose of this Bill is to allow for amounts raised under the *Laying Chicken Levy Act 1988* to be paid to the Australian Animal Health Council. It sets a maximum levy rate of 0.33 cents per head of laying chickens.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

2. Payments to the Australian Animal Health Council Limited will be drawn from the levy arrangements established by the Bill and have no impact on the Commonwealth Budget.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES**Clause 1 - Short Title**

3. This clause provides for the Act to be called the *Laying Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) Act 1996*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

4. This clause provides for the Act to come into effect on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Schedules

5. This clause provides that the Act referred to in the schedule is amended as set out in the Schedule and the other items in the Schedule have effect according to their terms.

SCHEDULE 1- Amendment of the Laying Chicken Levy Act 1988**Item 1: Subsection 3A(1)**

6. This subsection explains that AAHC means the Australian Animal Health Council Ltd.

Item 2: Paragraph 7(b)

7. This proposed amendment repeals the previous paragraph 7(b) and provides for an operative rate of 0.21 cents per head (or chicken hatched) and a maximum rate of levy of 0.33 cents per head (or chicken hatched) for payment to the AAHC.

Item 3: Subsections 9(2A) and (3)

8. This proposed amendment repeals the previous subsection which provides for a maximum rate of levy of for payment to the Australian Animal Health Council and states that the Governor-General must take into account any recommendation about the amount to be charged under the levy by the Australian Egg Industry Association or a body that has been declared as the representative body of the industry. The amount set by the regulations must not exceed the amount recommended to the Minister. It also allows the Minister to declare a

body by a notice in the Gazette as the body to represent the Australian laying chicken industry.

Item 4: Section 10

9. This proposed amendment repeals this section which ceased to have effect at the end of June 1995.

Item 5: Application

10. This item provides for the levy charges in the Bill to come into effect on or after 1 July 1996.