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MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Administrative Services,
the Hon David Jull MP)



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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952* to increase the limit on the sum appropriated from the Commonwealth Consolidated Fund in 1995-96 in respect of the salaries of Ministers and to reduce the limit on the sum appropriated in future years. The increase in 1995-96 is necessary because of increases in Ministerial salaries; the reduction in future years is due to a reduction in the size of the Ministry and the salaries of Ministers not in Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The effect of this change is to increase the total sum paid in ministerial salaries by \$25,000 in financial year 1995-96 and to reduce the sum by \$15,000 in financial year 1996-97 and subsequently.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 1: Short title etc.

This clause cites the Act as the *Ministers of State Amendment Act 1996* and cites the *Ministers of State Act 1952* as the Principal Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

The commencement of the Act shall be the date of Royal Assent

Clause 3: Schedule - Salaries of Ministers

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended to increase from \$1,615,000 to \$1,640,000 for financial year 1995-96 the limit on the annual amount payable by way of Ministerial salaries and to decrease from \$1,615,000 to \$1,600,000 for financial year 1996-97 and subsequently the limit on the annual amount payable by way of ministerial salaries.