THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 1992

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services, the Hon. Brian Howe MP)

NOTES ON AMENDMENT

The amendment alters clause 63 of the Bill, which was intended to provide immunity from any liability or penalty under any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory to a person arising from the provision of information, documents or records, or answering questions in response to a request from the Commissioner of Complaints.

The current provision, however, only provides immunity from a penalty under Commonwealth Acts.

The amendment to the clause extends immunity to cover any liability or penalty under all laws, whether in the form of statutes or the common law.

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