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Overseas Students Charge Amendment Bill 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Minister for Education, Senator the Hon. Susan Ryan)

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985
GENERAL OUTLINE

Purpose of the Bill

The Bill is designed to amend Section 6 of the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979 to enable new regulations to fix the rates of charge up to a maximum amount of \$4,340 instead of the current amount not exceeding \$3,350.

Financial Impact

The increase in the Overseas Students Charge proposed in this Bill raises that contribution to approximately 35% of the average cost.

As from 1 January, 1986, the new levels of student charge will be, subject to Regulations, as follows:-

- . \$4,340 for courses in medicine, veterinary science and dentistry; and
- . \$3,500 for all other courses.

The overseas students charge raised \$30.3m in 1984/85 and is expected to raise \$45.5m in 1985/86 (but \$3.065m of this amount relates to 1984/85 charge payments not recorded until 1985/86).

NOTES AND CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short Title, etc

Clause 1 fixes the citation of the Amendment Act and identifies the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979 as the principal Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

Clause 2 sets the commencement date of this Act as the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Title of the Principal Act

Clause 3 amends the title of the Principal Act by omitting "alien" and substituting "non citizen". This amendment reflects the fact that the concept of "alien" was removed by the repeal in 1984 of the Aliens Act, and replaced by the concept of "non-citizen".

Clause 4: Rates of Charge

Clause 4 substitutes the maximum of \$4,340 for the current amount of \$3,350 in section 6 of the Principal Act.