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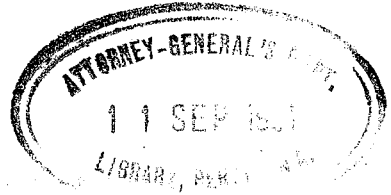
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OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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the Hon J S Dawkins, MP)



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## OUTLINE

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979 to fix the charges payable under the Act for the 1992 academic year.

## BACKGROUND

The Overseas Students Charge (OSC) applies to overseas students who enrolled in their current place at an Australian education institution under the former subsidised program to which the Act relates. As the Australian taxpayer provides funds for places at such institutions, subsidised overseas students are required to meet some of the costs of the places taken by them. In accord with established practice, the OSC is adjusted annually in line with movements in the index of higher education charges. In 1992 the OSC will be 55 per cent of the full average cost of a place.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

The overseas students charge raised \$37.7 million in 1990/91, and is expected to raise \$24.8 million in 1991/92. Less will be raised in 1991/92 than in the previous financial year because the subsidised program to which the Act relates is being phased out. No new students were enrolled in the program after 31 December 1989.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title.

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

Clause 3: Rates of charge: Sets the rates of charge for the academic year 1992 as follows:

### Higher Education Courses

- (a) Courses enrolled in and begun before 1 January 1986:
  - (i) \$5,541 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$4,748 for all other courses.
- (b) Courses enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1985 but before 1 January 1988:
  - (i) \$7,528 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$6,688 for all other courses.
- (c) Courses enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1987:
  - (i) \$9,022 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$8,182 for all other courses.

### Technical and Further Education Courses

- (a) \$712 for a course enrolled in and begun before 1 January 1987; or
- (b) \$1,001 for a course enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1986 but before 1 January 1988; or
- (c) \$1,223 for a course enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1987.

### Secondary Education Courses

\$414 for all students.