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Overseas Students Charge Collection Amendment Bill 1986

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1986
GENERAL OUTLINE

Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Overseas Students Charge Collection Act 1979 to:-

- . insert in the Principal Act those categories of students exempt from the charge;
- . restrict the application of the provision for the discharge of liability to the charge.

Financial Impact

The proposed extension of the charge, as from 1 January 1987, to postgraduate students who are awarded a scholarship by an Australian institution on or after 1 January 1987, and to Australian-American Educational Foundation scholarship holders, is expected to raise approximately \$1.2m in 1986/87.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 : Short Title.

Clause 2 : Commencement: Sets the commencement date of this Act as on the day on which the Overseas Students Charge Amendment Act 1986 comes into operation.

Clause 3 : Exemption From Charge: Inserts in the Principal Act those categories of students exempt from the charge and by so doing:

- (a) restrict the application of the charge exemption provision relating to a postgraduate student, who is the holder of a scholarship to the value of at least \$3,500 per annum, awarded by an institution for study at that institution, to a person who has been granted such a scholarship and commenced study before 1 January 1987;
- (b) withdraw the charge exemption provision for a postgraduate student, who is the holder of a scholarship awarded by the Australian-American Educational Foundation.

Clause 4 : Special Arrangements for Discharge of Liability: Restricts the application of the provision for the discharge of liability to the charge of a holder of a scholarship or like award, granted by a Department or authority of the Commonwealth, to a person who has been granted a postgraduate scholarship and commenced study before 1 January 1987.