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POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the Minister for Primary Industry, the  
Hon. John Kerin, MP)



## OUTLINE

### POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985

This Bill contains amendments to the Poultry Industry Assistance Act 1965 which establishes a Poultry Industry Trust Fund and provides for the granting of financial assistance to the States and the Australian Capital Territory for the assistance of the poultry industry and also provides for expenditure of funds on poultry research.

The amendments provide for the Commonwealth to match on a \$ for \$ basis industry contributions to poultry research. Present provisions limit the Commonwealth contribution to a maximum of \$150,000 in a financial year and removal of this limit will bring matching arrangements into line with other rural industry research funding by the Commonwealth.

As a result of this change in matching funding the Commonwealth's contributions will increase by around \$41,000 in 1984/85 to \$191,000, and increase by \$90,000 to \$240,000 in 1985/86.

Provision is also made for poultry research expenditure to be removed from this Act and come under the omnibus Rural Industries Research Legislation.

PROVISIONS OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE  
AMENDMENT BILL 1985

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EXPLANATION

1. Provides mode of citation of Act.
2. Establishes dates of commencement of amended provisions of Act.
3. Removes the current ceiling of \$150,000 per annum on Commonwealth matching of industry contributions to poultry research. Provides for \$ for \$ matching funds to be paid into the Poultry Industry Trust Fund until poultry research funding arrangements are brought under omnibus Rural Industries Research Legislation.
4. Enables funds standing to the credit of the Poultry Industry Trust Fund to be paid into a separate research fund when established under the omnibus Rural Industries Research Legislation.
5. Provision for research expenditure to be met from Poultry Industry Trust Fund is removed.
6. Abolishes authority for Minister to arrange with the Reserve Bank loans for State Egg Boards after 1 July 1987. Loans were made to provide Boards with carry-on finance pending the making of assistance payments to States from the proceeds of hen levy collections. Cessation of levy from 1 July 1987 obviates the need for this facility.
7. Self explanatory.