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POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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



## OUTLINE

### POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

This Bill amends the Poultry Industry Levy Act 1965 which imposes a levy on all hens, in excess of twenty, kept for commercial purposes. The Bill effectively abolishes the hen levy from 1 July 1987. While the levy is no longer operative from that date it is necessary to continue other provisions beyond 1 July 1987 to facilitate collection of outstanding debts and liabilities. When such latter action is completed legislation to repeal the Act will be introduced into the Parliament.

Proceeds of the hen levy are used primarily for assistance to the States with a small portion being for an industry contribution to research programmes. The bill provides for the hen levy to be divided to include a specific research component. Discussions are being held with industry on alternate research funding arrangements when the hen levy ceases.

Provision of a separate research component of the levy now as an interim measure will ensure industry funding continues on the basis that its contributions will attract matching Commonwealth funds.

Administrative costs of the hen levy were met from the levy receipts. The Commonwealth, however, provided at no charge the necessary general and financial administration, at its level, of the levy arrangements and there will be some savings in the time of a number of officers when the arrangements are concluded.

PROVISIONS OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY  
AMENDMENT BILL 1985

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EXPLANATION

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| 1  | Provides mode of citation of Act.   |
| 2. | Establishes dates of commencement of amended provisions of Act.                       |
| 3. | Abolishes the hen levy from 1 July 1987.  |
| 4. | Provides for the splitting of the hen levy to establish a specific research component |