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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (RECOVERY OF LEVY COLLECTION EXPENSES)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary  
Industries and Energy, the Hon. John Kerin, MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

This Bill is to enable the Commonwealth to recover from agricultural industries the cost of collecting and disbursing funds raised through industry levies and charges.

2. The effect of the Bill will be to remove a subsidy whereby the Commonwealth collects levies and charges at the request, and for the benefit, of industry and also meets the full cost of undertaking this function. In some cases the amounts collected by the Commonwealth are allocated to more than one fund, in such cases the amendments will enable the costs to be withdrawn from either or both funds at the discretion of the relevant administration of the funds in consultation with industry.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. It is estimated that levy and charge collection and disbursement costs amount to 0.2 per cent of total collections, or \$1.193m, in a full year.

## NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES

### Clause 1: Short Title

4. Short title of the Act for citation purposes.

### Clause 2: Commencement

5. The Act, with the exception of amendments to the Australian Horticultural Corporation Act 1987, Honey Marketing Act 1988 and Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act 1987 (the Principal Acts), will commence on the day it receives the Royal Assent. The remaining provisions will come into operation on the dates on which the relevant parts of the Principal Acts commence.

### Clause 3: Miscellaneous amendments of Primary Industries Legislation

6. Provides that the Acts set out in the Schedule are amended as set out in the Schedule.

### Schedule

7. The Schedule amends the following Acts to enable payment to the Commonwealth of the cost of collecting and disbursing agricultural industry levies from the funds established under those Acts:

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act 1978

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act 1987

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977

Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980

Dairy Produce Act 1986

Dried Fruits Equalization Act 1978

Honey Marketing Act 1988

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act 1987

Pig Industry Act 1986

Rural Industries Research Act 1985

Tobacco Marketing Act 1965

Wool Marketing Act 1987