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REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this bill is to give effect to the Government's decision to accept Report No. 1 and Report No. 2 of the Remuneration Tribunal's November 1983 Review.

The Tribunal's Reports propose:

- (a) increases of 4.3% in the salaries payable to Ministers of State, in line with the recent National Wage Case Decision; and
- (b) increases of 4.3%, on a similar basis, in the salaries of members of the Judiciary together with increases in the rates of travelling allowances payable to those persons.

The bill also amends the Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973 to enable the Tribunal to determine the remuneration payable in respect of an office which is subject to the Act before a person is appointed to hold that office.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Formal

Clause 2: Sub-clause 2(3) provides for the increased rates of salary and allowance to take effect from 6 October 1983, in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's Report.

Clause 3: Formal

Clause 4: Provides for increases in the rates of travelling allowances payable to the Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court.

Clause 5: Provides for increases in the rates of travelling allowances payable to other members of the Judiciary. Sub-clause 5(2) omits references to the First Division and Second Division of the Public Service, in anticipation of section 15 of the Public Service Acts Amendment Act 1982, which abolishes the divisional structure, coming into operation. The sub-clause will not come into operation until section 15 of that Act itself comes into operation.

Clause 6: Provides, in the Schedule, for increased rates of annual salary and continues, at the 1982 rates, the allowance for members of the Judiciary.

Clause 7: Formal

Clause 8: Provides an increase in the total maximum annual sum payable for the salaries of Ministers of State

Clause 9: Formal

Clause 10: Enables the Remuneration Tribunal to determine the remuneration in respect of an office which is subject to the Remuneration Tribunals Act before a person is appointed to hold that office.