

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE

**STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (YOUTH TRAINING
ALLOWANCE) BILL 1995**

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training,
the Honourable Ross Free MP)



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GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

OUTLINE

These amendments affect the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973* (the Principal Act).

Authorised disclosure of information to Commonwealth Departments and authorities

Paragraph 355(1)(b) of the Principal Act currently allows the Secretary to disclose information to the Secretary of another Commonwealth Department or to the head of authority for the purposes of that agency.

Amendments proposed by Schedule 7 would extend this power so that the Secretary may also disclose information to the staff of that other agency. Also the Schedule would amend section 338 of the Act to make it possible for the Secretary to delegate his power under paragraph 355(1)(b).

The Government Amendments omit Schedule 7.

Compensation Recovery

Amendments are proposed to omit a subsection from section 227 and consolidate four subsections in section 227 of the Principal Act into two subsections. These amendments are minor consequential amendments flowing from the amendments to be made by Schedule 3 and 4 of the Bill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no financial impact from these Amendments.

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NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

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Accordingly, **Items 1 and 3** effect the withdrawal of the Schedule 7 from the Bill.

Compensation Recovery

Item 2 makes changes to Schedule 4 of the Bill. Item 2 makes changes of the amendments to the compensation recovery provision in Schedule 4 of the Bill by omitting the existing items 1 to 6 from that Schedule. Subsection 227(2) is omitted as its effect is duplicated by an amendment made by item 2 to subsection 227(1). The amendment to subsection 227(1) is similar to other changes made to the compensation recovery provisions by Schedule 4 which remove the requirement for a person to be qualified for Youth Training allowance before the provisions can operate. Subsections 227, (6), (7), (8) and (9) are omitted to be replaced by new subsections (6) and (7) which consolidate the omitted subsections as a result of the amendments made to subsections 227(1) and (2).