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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister
for Employment, Education and Training,
The Hon. John Dawkins, MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE OF BILL

The purpose of the Bill, which amends the States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1988, is to -

1. Make adjustments and variations in the price levels of the financial schedules in the Principal Act.
2. Provide for the payment of grants to schools in the Australian Capital Territory under the Principal Act as a consequence of ACT Self-Government.

Financial Impact

The Bill provides an estimated \$36.6 million increase in appropriations for schools in 1989, including \$21.7 million for the ACT in the second half of 1989. This brings 1989 Commonwealth schools funding to an estimated total of \$1982.3 million, consisting of \$1571.9 million for general recurrent grants, \$485.7 million for capital grants and \$311.5 million for specific purpose grants.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title

Clause 2: Commencement

Act commences upon Royal Assent

Clause 3: Interpretation

Amends the definition of 'State' and 'State Minister' to include the ACT and the responsible Minister of the ACT respectively so as to enable payments to be made to the ACT under the Principal Act.

Clause 4: Grants for recurrent expenditure on education in English as a second language provided in government schools

Substitutes revised references to Schedule 3 as a consequence of changes to the format of that Schedule.

Clause 5: Substitution of New Schedules

Substitutes new financial schedules to accommodate adjustments and variations in the price levels of the financial allocations - in particular, financial allocations for the ACT are included.