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STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)
AMENDMENT BILL 1984

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education
and Youth Affairs, Senator the Hon. Susan Ryan).

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OUTLINE

The primary purpose of this Bill is to supplement tertiary education grants to the States and Northern Territory for cost increases by amending the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1981. This Act provides grants to the States and Northern Territory for financial assistance to universities, colleges of advanced education, and technical and further education for the triennium 1982-84. The total amount of supplementation to be provided is \$62.2m. This brings program amounts for salaries and wages to estimated June 1984 price levels. Capital and equipment grants, together with the non-salary component of recurrent grants, have been adjusted to December quarter/end of December 1983 price levels. Under current supplementation arrangements, there will be no further adjustment to these costs. The current adjustments are made by the amendment of certain clauses, and the replacement of related schedules.

There are also technical adjustments to the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment Act 1983 required to correct certain references in the schedules.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

PART I - PRELIMINARY

Clause 1: Short title

Clause 2: Commencement: Other than for Part III, the provisions of this Bill will come into operation as from the date of Royal Assent. Part II will be deemed to have come into force on 21 December 1983.

PART II - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATES GRANTS

(TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) ACT 1981

- Clause 3: Principal Act: Defines above mentioned Act as Principal Act for this Part.
- Clause 4: Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges (universities): This clause amends Section 11, sub-section (3) (c) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 5: Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges (advanced education): This clause amends Section 20, sub-section (3) (c) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 6: Grants for courses of teacher education provided by non-government teachers colleges: This clause amends Section 23, sub-sections 2(a) (iii) and 2(b) (iii) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 7: Grants for equipment for non-government teachers colleges: This clause amends Section 24, sub-section (4) (c) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 8: Grants for minor building projects of non-government teachers colleges: This clause amends Section 25, sub-section (3) (c) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 9: Grants for community languages courses: This clause amends Section 38, sub-section (4) (c) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 10: Recurrent grants may be increased to assist institutions in meeting certain superannuation expenses: This clause amends Section 38A, sub-section (3) (a) by transferring certain of the monies for 1983 to the schedules. In addition sub-section (3) (b) is adjusted for cost increases .

- Clause 11: Recurrent grants may be increased to assist institutions in meeting expenses due to increased enrolments in 1984: This clause amends Section 38(B), sub-section (2) to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 12: Variation of building grants in Schedule 7, 7A or 7B: This clause amends sub-section (7) (ab) of Section 41 to adjust for cost increases in grants for major and minor building projects.
- Clause 13: Substitution of Schedules: This clause provides for the substitution of relevant schedules to reflect the amendments made in the above clauses.
- Clause 14: Payments made before Royal Assent: This clause ensures that payments for grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.

PART III - AMENDMENTS OF THE STATES GRANTS

(TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT ACT 1983

- Clause 15: Principal Act: Defines the above Act as the Principal Act for this Part.
- Clause 16: Schedules: This clause amends Section 32, sub-sections (5) (a) and (5) (b). The amendments are technical drafting adjustments required to correct certain references in the schedules.
- Clause 17
and 18: New readings for Schedules 6 and 7: These clauses effect changes consequent upon the technical adjustments provided by clause 16 above.

