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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to supplement tertiary education grants to the States and the Northern Territory for cost increases by amending the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984. This Act provides grants to the States and the Northern Territory for financial assistance to universities and colleges of advanced education for the triennium 1985-87 and technical and further education for 1985 and 1986.

The Bill will supplement recurrent grants to estimated March 1986 cost levels in accordance with the Government's agreed procedures to make adjustments for cost increases. Capital and equipment grants will be adjusted to December 1985 and December quarter 1985 price levels respectively.

The total amount of supplementation to be provided by this Bill is \$98.43 million, the amounts for 1986 and 1987 being \$66.67 million and \$31.76 million respectively.

The supplementation is provided by way of amendments to the relevant sections of the Act for recurrent grants for promotion of equality of opportunity, promoting greater participation of Aborigines, special assistance for students, key centres of teaching and research, assistance to institutions to meet certain superannuation costs, student residences and affiliated colleges, and special research centres. In the case of other grants, supplementation is provided by way of replacement schedules of grants (see Schedule 1 of the Bill).

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 : Short title.
- Clause 2 : Commencement: provides for legislation to come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3 to 9 : The clauses amend specified Sections of the Principal Act to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 10 : Repeal of Schedules and substitution of new Schedules: This clause provides for the substitution of specified schedules as a result of adjustments for cost increases, variations made under relevant Sections of the Principal Act and name changes of certain institutions.
- Clause 11 : 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.