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**States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)
Amendment Bill 1987**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

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

The Bill will supplement recurrent grants from estimated end September 1986 cost levels to preliminary end March 1987 prices for university academic salaries and for the advanced education and TAFE sectors to actual end March 1987 cost levels in accordance with the Government's agreed procedures to make retrospective adjustments for cost increases. Capital and equipment grants will be adjusted from June 1986 and June quarter 1986 price levels to December 1986 and December quarter 1986 price levels respectively.

The total amount of supplementation to be provided by this Bill is \$78 281 million.

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, 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 except for Clause 9 which is to be considered operative from 18 December 1986.
- Clause 3 : These clauses amend specified Sections of the to 8 Principal Act to adjust for cost increases
- Clause 9 : This clause is a technical amendment to include in Section 38 (2) of the Principal Act provision of grants for major building projects for the TAFE sector for all three years of the 1985-87 triennium.
- 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 and variations made under relevant Sections of the Principal Act.
- 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