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AMENDMENT BILL (NO 3) 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984 which provides grants to the States and the Northern Territory for tertiary education for the 1985-87 triennium. The Bill will provide -

- . in accordance with the recommendations in CTEC's Volume 3 Report for the triennium, additional grants for 1986 and 1987 for higher education (i.e. in the university and advanced education sectors) and grants for 1986 for the TAFE sector;
- . adjustments for cost increases to the grants already provided under the 1984 Act, in accordance with the Government's agreed procedures; and
- . an amendment to enable institutions to provide courses for full-fee paying overseas students in accordance with guidelines published in the Gazette.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

A total of \$509.6 million will be provided through this Bill - \$45.2 million as additional grants for higher education for 1986 and 1987, \$280.5 million for the TAFE sector for 1986, and \$183.9 million as adjustments for cost increases to existing grants. The adjustments bring all recurrent grants to estimated December quarter 1985 cost levels, and capital and equipment grants for 1986 and 1987 to June 1985, and June quarter 1985 price levels respectively.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

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Clause 1 : Short title

Clause 2 : Commencement: Provides for retrospective commencement date of section changing name of Darwin Community College, in line with actual timing of name change.

Clause 3 : Interpretation: Alters definitions in the Act or inserts definitions and terms used in the Bill -

- . to reflect the name change at the Darwin Institute of Technology
- . to enable institutions to charge tuition fees for full-fee paying overseas students (in accordance with the Government Guidelines on full-fee paying overseas students); and
- . for grants for tertiary education to be provided in other than the traditional context of university, advanced education or technical and further education (TAFE), ie, at an institute of tertiary education.

- Clause 4 : This clause amends the Act so that conditions of TAFE recurrent grants apply to either 1985 and 1986, since the Bill extends TAFE funding to 1986.
- Clauses 5 to 11 : These clauses amend specified Sections of the Principal Act to adjust for cost increases.
- Clauses 12 and 13 : These clauses reflect the extension to 1986 of the provision of special recurrent and equipment grants for the TAFE sector.
- Clauses 14 to 17 : In relation to capital grants these clauses make changes to accommodate institutions not falling completely within any of the three traditional sectors ie, institutes of tertiary education; and in the case of the TAFE sector make provision for building grants in 1986.
- Clause 18 : This clause reflects the provision of grants for 1986 to non-government business colleges.

Clause 19 : Repeal and substitution of Schedules: This clause provides for the substitution of specified Schedules to the Principal Act as a result of adjustments for cost increases and variations made under relevant Sections of the Principal Act (eg extension of TAFE grants to 1986).

Clause 20 : Consequential amendments: This clause provides for minor amendments to be made to a number of Sections of the Principal Act due to the provision of grants for 1986 for the TAFE sector, ie, references to "the year to which the Act applies" are changed to "a year".

Clause 21 : 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.

