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States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)
Amendment Bill (No 3) 1986

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)
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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 Northern Territory for tertiary education for the 1985-87 triennium. The Bill will provide:

- . in accordance with the recommendations of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC) Volume 4 report for the triennium, additional recurrent grants for 1986 and 1987 for higher education institutions, an additional category of recurrent grants for institutes of tertiary education, and grants for 1987 for the TAFE sector;
- . adjustments, including cost increases, to the grants already provided under the 1984 Act in accordance with the Government's agreed procedures;
- . for the introduction of a new program for equipment and minor works grants to assist TAFE institutions associated with the Australian Traineeship System;
- . the extension of the Special Assistance for Students program to include students in advanced education courses in institutes of tertiary education, at TAFE institutions and at Northern Territory tertiary education institutions;
- . that overseas students are not included under the Commonwealth per capita subsidy for non-government business colleges; and
- . technical amendments to reflect the proposed transfer of coverage of salaries and conditions for academic staff from the Academic Salaries Tribunal to the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

A total of \$414.7 million will be provided through this Bill - \$17.9 million as additional grants for higher education for 1986 and 1987, \$1.7 million in recurrent grants for the first institute of tertiary education in 1987, \$301.7 million for the TAFE sector for 1987, \$4.0 million for the new program for TAFE institutions associated with the Australian Traineeship System and \$89.4 million as adjustments for cost increases to existing grants.

The adjustments bring recurrent grants to estimated end September 1986 cost levels, and capital and equipment grants to June 1986 and June quarter 1986 levels respectively.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 : Short title
- Clause 2 : Commencement: provides for commencement dates.
- Clauses 3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,17,19,20,21,23,24 and 25 : These clauses make amendments to accommodate recurrent grants for institutes of tertiary education. The amendments in Clauses 10 and 11 also provide adjustments to grants for cost increases as does the amendment in Clause 12 which also extends coverage of the Special Assistance for Students program to include all students in university and advanced education courses funded under the Principal Act.
- Clauses 9, 18 and 26 : These clauses make technical amendments connected with the extension of the grants for the TAFE sector to cover all three years of the 1985-87 triennium.
- Clauses 13,14 15 and 17 : These clauses amend specified sections of the Principal Act to adjust for cost increases.
- Clause 23 : Traineeship Grants: This clause provides for the introduction of grants for 1987 for the new program of grants for equipment and minor works to TAFE institutions associated with the Australian Traineeship System.
- Clauses 27 and 28 : These clauses extend provisions for grants for non-government business colleges to 1987, but exclude the provision of per capita grants by the Commonwealth in respect of overseas students.
- Clause 29 : Additional conditions, & c.: This clause amends conditions of grants to reflect the proposed transfer of coverage of salaries and conditions for academic staff from the Academic Salaries Tribunal to the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission
- Clause 30 : Repeat and substitution of Schedules: This clause provides for the substitution of specified schedules as a result of additional grants, adjustment for cost increases and variations made to relevant Sections of the Principal Act.

Clause 31 : Payments made before Royal Assent: This clause ensures that payments made for grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.

