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STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)  
BILL 1981

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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## OUTLINE

### *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)*

#### *Bill 1981*

The purpose of this Bill is to provide a Principal Act for the provision of grants of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for tertiary education for the 1982-84 triennium. The Bill reflects Government decisions taken after its consideration of Volume 2 of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's Report for 1982-84 Triennium. The Bill will appropriate some \$4,359m and contains grants for universities, advanced education, technical and further education and non-government business colleges. These grants are subject to legislative conditions which are specified in the Bill.

The Bill also provides supplementation for grants already appropriated for the current triennium 1979-81 under the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978. The total amount of supplementation is \$37m.

In addition, the Bill includes minor amendments to other States Grants Acts to repeal a condition to 1973 grants requiring continued annual reporting in respect of a specific grant.

# BACKGROUND NOTES ON FINANCIAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE BILL

1. Amounts expressed in the bill for the 1982-84 triennium reflect new cost adjustment procedures adopted by the Government whereby, from the beginning of 1982, a prospective allowance is made to take account of forecast cost increases. This differs from the arrangement for 1981 and earlier years whereby costs have been adjusted on a retrospective basis. 1983 and 1984 recurrent grants amounts quoted in the bill are expressed in terms of cash amounts which will be provided for 1982. The 1983 and 1984 amounts will be further adjusted on a prospective basis before the commencement of each new grant year.
2. Excluding non-government business colleges, the bill will appropriate \$4,344m for tertiary education in the 1982-84 triennium. The Ministerial Statement of 4 June 1981 entitled "Commonwealth Education Policy and Financial Guidelines to the Commonwealth Education Commissions" provided for a total amount of \$4,987.

The difference of \$643m between the amount provided in the Guidelines and the amount provided in the Bill is as follows:

	\$m
(a) Items for which appropriation has not been requested:	
(i) 1983 and 1984 recurrent grants allocations for the Universities of New England, Newcastle and Wollongong including provision for advanced education activities in the three cities	185
(ii) National Unallocated Grants for 1983 and 1984	51
(b) Grants for Commonwealth direct-funded institutions for which funds are included under Commonwealth Department of Education items in Annual Appropriation Acts. The institutions concerned are: The Australian National University, The Canberra College of Advanced Education, The Australian Maritime College and Signadou Teachers College	405
(c) Amounts provided for the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) which is directly funded by the Commonwealth via items in Annual Appropriation Acts under the control of the Department of Home Affairs	<u>2</u>
TOTAL DIFFERENCE	<u>643</u>

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BILL AND  
NOTES ON CLAUSES

*States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)  
Act 1981*

1982-84 Triennium

Parts I to VI of the bill provide financial assistance for universities and advanced education and for technical and further education in the States and the Northern Territory in accordance with the Government's decisions on Volume 2 of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's Report for 1982-84 Triennium. These Parts of the bill will:

- (a) in accordance with the Government's commitment to tertiary education in Australia, provide grants of financial assistance (subject to specified conditions) to the States and the Northern Territory for the 1982-84 triennium, as follows:

<u>Grants available</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Total program*</u> \$m
<u>Universities and Advanced Education</u>		
Recurrent	1982-84	4,029**
Equipment	1982	59
Capital	1982	31
<u>Technical and Further Education</u>		
Recurrent	1982	85
Equipment	1982	10
Capital	1982	<u>112</u>
Total		<u>4,326</u>

- (b) provide an amount of \$16m for the period 1982-84 for approved proposals relating to the funding of research centres of excellence;
- (c) provide an amount of \$0.9m for each year of the 1982-84 triennium for approved proposals relating to the funding of community language courses in universities or colleges of advanced education;

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\* The amount includes a prospective allowance for cost increases to December Quarter 1982 for the wages and salary components of recurrent grants and to December Quarter 1981 for equipment, capital and the non-salaries components of recurrent grants.

\*\* Amount made up as follows: 1982 \$1,424m; 1983 \$1,302m; 1984 \$1,303m.

- (d) provide full recurrent funding for courses of advanced education conducted by non-government teachers colleges and, in addition, provide access for these institutions to equipment and capital grants;
- (e) provide financial assistance, on a student per capita basis (\$73.33 per student per month in 1982) to non-government business colleges offering approved secretarial studies courses; some \$4.86m is estimated to be involved in each of 1982, 1983 and 1984;
- (f) provide temporary development grants for colleges of advanced education for the years 1982 and 1983 to assist in the expansion of courses in applied science, technology and business studies;
- (g) provide flexibility in the utilisation of grants for advanced education to facilitate consolidation of colleges of advanced education; unallocated grants at the State and national level are provided for this purpose;
- (h) provide grants for the possibility of an external studies centre at Darwin Community College to assist tertiary students in the Northern Territory who are enrolled as external students in other tertiary institutions;
- (i) provide for the limited reintroduction of tuition fees in respect of second and higher degrees;
- (j) modify existing policies relating to the legislative conditions to grants, in the following respects:
  - . provide for carry-forward of over-expenditure of recurrent grants on a similar basis to that for under-expenditure;
  - . revise the legislative condition on the introduction of courses of study involving new teaching developments to allow disapproval, for Commonwealth funding purposes, of courses containing new teaching developments introduced from 1982 and which have been disapproved by the Commission.
  - . modify the condition to capital grants to allow the approval of over-expenditure as a charge against the following year's grants; and

- (k) provide a linking provision between the 1979-81 triennium and the 1982-84 triennium to allow carry-over provisions to operate in respect of general purpose recurrent grants.

#### 1979-81 Triennium

Part VII of the Bill amends the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 as follows:

- (a) in accordance with the Government's commitment to retrospectively supplement programs of tertiary education for 1979-81 for cost movements, 1980 and 1981 grants are supplemented to the following cost levels:

<u>Grants</u>	<u>Cost levels</u>	
	<u>Salary costs</u>	<u>Non-salary costs</u>
. 1980 recurrent grants*	Dec Qtr '80 (revised)	Dec Qtr '79
. 1981 recurrent grants	end June '81	Dec Qtr '80
. 1981 equipment grants*	Dec Qtr '80 (revised)	

\* Final adjustment: for equipment grants, a minor reduction due to a revision of cost indexes is involved.

The total amount of supplementation to be provided by this Bill is \$37m. The supplementation is provided by way of replacement schedules of grants (see Schedules 18 to 22 of the Bill);

- (b) minor adjustments between the years are made to the 1979-81 earmarked recurrent grants and to capital grants in the university sector for 1980 and 1981; these adjustments do not involve additional appropriation.

#### Earlier Legislation

Part VIII of the Bill will repeal a legislative condition to the 1973 "once only" grants for students-in-need to universities and colleges of advanced education to remove the obligation for continued annual reporting on the application of the grants.

Notes on the clauses of the Bill follow.

## CLAUSES OF THE BILL

### Part I - Preliminary

Clause 1 : Short title.

Clause 2 : Commencement date: The Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 : Interpretation: Definitions of words and terms used in the Act, common to two or more sectors of tertiary education.

Clause 4 : Approval of, and directions relating to, building projects: This clause empowers the Minister to approve additional major building projects to those listed in Schedule 7 (1982 capital program). Approvals are available for all three sectors (universities, advanced education and TAFE). Funding of additional projects is obtained by transfer of funds from other projects (see also sub-clause 42(3)). Additional building projects attract the same legislative conditions to the grant as those originally specified in Schedule 7.

Clause 5 : New teaching developments: This clause provides that the Minister, on the recommendations of the Commission, may make a declaration relating to the classes of courses which are to constitute new teaching developments at universities and in advanced education. It empowers the Commission to disapprove, for funding by the Commonwealth, the provision of a course of study in 1982-84 (or a course proposed to be introduced in those years), if the course constitutes a new teaching development.

Note: The provisions in this Bill are similar to those which related separately to universities and advanced education in the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978.

Clause 6 : Determination with respect of fees: This clause empowers the Minister to make determinations relating to the charging of tuition fees for university and advanced

education courses. The clause prescribes the limits within which such determinations may be made viz. fees may not be charged for students who -

- . do not hold a degree, diploma or equivalent award
- . commenced a particular course before January 1982
- . have paid charges levied under the Overseas Student Charge Act or are exempted from such charges under Section 7 of that Act.

The clause also prescribes that no student may be charged a fee in excess of \$1,000 per year.

The clause requires the Minister to Gazette determinations.

Clauses 8, 16, 17, 23 and 24 require relevant institutions to charge fees in accordance with determinations issued under Clause 6 and not to charge fees in other circumstances.

## Part II - Universities

Clause 7 : Interpretation: Definitions of terms used in Part II - Universities.

Clause 8 : Grants for expenditure on university purposes: This clause provides for the following:

- . the provision of general purpose recurrent grants for the 1982-84 triennium for universities (see Schedule 1 for the maximum grants available which are subject to adjustment to offset any fees chargeable under Clause 6);
- . the provision of special purpose (earmarked) recurrent grants for university purposes for the 1982-84 triennium (see Schedule 2); these grants are incorporated with the amounts shown in Schedule 1;
- . the provision of special purpose (earmarked) recurrent grants for expenditure by universities on advanced education teaching purposes (see Schedule 2A); the grants are for those universities amalgamating with colleges of advanced education (see Schedule 17, Part II);

- the legislative conditions applicable to general purpose recurrent grants for universities (see also Clause 43 below); and
- the carry forward of under-expenditure and over-expenditure from one year to the next (including 1981 to 1982). Where the sum involved is 1 per cent or less of the recurrent grant paid the Commission shall approve the carry forward; above that limit the Minister must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant approval to the carry forward.

(See also Clause 40, Variation to amounts in Schedules 1, 2A and 8.)

Clause 9 : Special research grants: This clause provides grants of financial assistance for university research activities for the 1982-84 triennium (see Schedule 3). The legislative conditions to these grants recognise that "expenditure" includes approved commitments made during the year of the grant.

Clause 10 : Research centres of excellence: This clause empowers the Minister to approve the funding of proposals submitted in respect of a university relating to the establishment of research centres of excellence. An amount of \$16 million is available for the 1982-84 triennium for these proposals.

Clause 11 : Grants for equipment: This clause provides for the following:

- gives authority to the Commission to approve proposals submitted to it by a university for expenditure on items of equipment; the amounts of financial assistance available to universities are specified in Schedule 4; and
- the provision of an earmarked grant of \$425,000 for specified equipment for the University of Newcastle Faculty of Medicine (see Schedule 5).

The legislative conditions to these grants recognise that "expenditure" includes approved commitments made during the year of the grant.

Clause 12 : Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges: This clause provides an amount of \$4,070,000 for each year of the 1982-84 triennium for

financial assistance to student residences of universities and their affiliated residential colleges. The Minister shall determine principles to be followed by the Commission in the administration and distribution of the grants.

Clause 13 : Recurrent grants in respect of teaching hospitals: This clause provides grants of financial assistance in respect of contributions by a university towards the "appropriate costs" of either the teaching hospital of the university or a separate teaching hospital, for the triennium 1982-84 (see Schedule 6). "Appropriate costs" includes expenditure on medical teaching facilities, equipment and library materials.

Clause 14 : Building projects etc.: This clause provides grants of financial assistance for the year 1982 for the following capital program (in universities):

- . specified building projects (Part I of Schedule 7);
- . minor building projects (Part II of Schedule 7); and
- . specified design projects (Part III of Schedule 7).

The legislative conditions applicable to these grants are specified in Clause 41. (See also the provision for variation of amounts in Schedule 7 at Clause 42.) The clause also empowers the Minister to direct that grants may be applied in respect of work carried out ahead of schedule (i.e. grants which constitute over-expenditure in the preceding year).

### Part III - Advanced Education

Clause 15 : Interpretation: Definition of terms used in Part III - Advanced Education.

Clause 16 : Grants for expenditure by colleges of advanced education on college purposes: This clause provides for the following:

- the provision of general purpose recurrent grants for the 1982-84 triennium for colleges of advanced education (see Part I of Schedule 8 for the maximum grants available which are subject to adjustment to offset any fees chargeable under Clause 6);
- the legislative conditions applicable to general purpose recurrent grants for colleges of advanced education (see also Clause 43 below).
- the provision of "earmarked" temporary development grants for courses of advanced education in applied science, technology or business studies for 1982 and 1983 (see Part IV of Schedule 8);
- the availability of an amount of the greater of 1 per cent of the annual grant or \$50,000 for the provision of courses of continuing education; and
- the legislative conditions applicable to these general purpose recurrent grants for colleges of advanced education (see also Clause 43 below).

(Refer also to carry-forward provisions in Clause 18 and facility for variation of amounts of grants in Clause 19.)

Clause 17 : Grants for expenditure in connection with the provision of courses of advanced education in technical and further education institutions: This clause provides grants of financial assistance to those States which provide courses of advanced education at TAFE institutions (see Part II of Schedule 8 for maximum grants available).

Clause 18 : Carry-forward of amounts specified in Schedule 8: This clause provides for the carry forward of under-expenditure and over-expenditure from one year to the next (including 1981 to 1982). Where the sum involved is less than the greater of \$50,000 or 1 per cent of the recurrent grant paid the Commission shall approve the carry forward; above that sum the Minister must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant approval to the carry forward. The carry-forward provisions include the movement of amounts between the years for the State unallocated part of Schedule 8 (Part III).

Clause 19 : Variation of amounts in Schedule 8: This clause empowers the Commission (to a prescribed limit of \$300,000) or the Minister (above \$300,000) to vary, at the request of a State, amounts specified for colleges of advanced education by adjustment between colleges or by transfer from the amounts specified in the State unallocated part of Schedule 8. Movement of unallocated amounts may be made between the State unallocated part and Part II (grants to the States for advanced education courses in TAFE institutions). Movement between years of amounts of State unallocated amounts is also permitted (see Clause 18 above).

Clause 20 : Grants for equipment: This clause provides grants of financial assistance to the States for expenditure by colleges of advanced education upon equipment in accordance with proposals approved by the Commission (see Schedule 9). The legislative conditions to these grants recognise that "expenditure" includes approved commitments made during the year of the grant.

Clause 21 : Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges: This clause provides an amount of \$1,250,000 for each year of the 1982-84 triennium for financial assistance to student residences and affiliated residential colleges of colleges of advanced education and non-government teachers colleges. The administration and distribution of the grant to the States for institutions will be on the same basis as outlined in Clause 12 above.

Clause 22 : Building projects etc.: This clause provides grants of financial assistance for the year 1982 for the following advanced education capital program:

- . specified building projects (Part IV of Schedule 7); and
- . minor building projects (Part V of Schedule 7).

The legislative conditions applicable to these grants are specified in Clause 41. (See also the provision for variation of amounts in Schedule 7 at Clause 42.) The clause also empowers the Minister to direct that grants

may be applied in respect of work carried out ahead of schedule (i.e. grants which constitute over-expenditure in the preceding year).

Clause 23 : Grants to Northern Territory for recurrent expenditure in respect of courses of advanced education, etc.: This clause provides general purpose recurrent grants of financial assistance to the Northern Territory for advanced education purposes for the 1982-84 triennium (see Schedule 10 for maximum grants available). These grants are provided on the same terms and conditions as those provided to the States (see Clauses 16 and 17 above) and are subject to adjustment to offset any fees chargeable under Clause 6.

The clause also empowers the Minister to allocate to the Northern Territory additional funds from Schedule 8 Part III in respect of the proposed external studies centre of the Darwin Community College.

Clause 24 : Grants for courses of teacher education provided by non-government teachers colleges: This clause empowers the Minister to authorise the payment (via a State) of financial assistance for the general purpose recurrent expenditure of non-government teachers colleges for the provision of courses of advanced education. The non-government teachers colleges are Avondale College (New South Wales) and McAuley College (Queensland). The maximum amounts available are:

1982 - Avondale	\$874,000
- McAuley	\$1,100,000
1983 - Avondale	\$882,000
- McAuley	\$1,200,000
1984 - Avondale	\$882,000
- McAuley	\$1,300,000

These grants are subject to the same type of legislative conditions which apply to colleges of advanced education (see Clause 16 above) and are subject to adjustment to offset any fees chargeable under Clause 6.

Clause 25 : Grants for equipment for non-government teachers colleges: This clause provides financial assistance (via the respective State) to Avondale College and McAuley College for expenditure upon equipment in accordance with

proposals approved by the Commission. The total amount available for both colleges for 1982 is \$36,000. These grants are provided on the same type of legislative conditions applying to colleges of advanced education (see Clause 20 above).

Clause 26 : Grants for minor building projects of non-government teachers colleges: This clause provides grants of financial assistance for minor building projects at Avondale College and McAuley College, in accordance with proposals approved by the Commission. The total amount available for both colleges for 1982 is \$36,000. These grants are provided on the same type of legislative conditions applying to colleges of advanced education (see Clause 22 above).

Clause 27 : Further recurrent grants in relation to advanced education (national unallocated grants): This clause empowers the Minister, having regard to the advice of the Commission, to allocate amounts of general purpose recurrent grants in respect of colleges of advanced education previously listed in the 1979-81 schedule of grants (States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978 - Schedule 8) but not listed in Schedule 8 of this legislation. The total amount of \$26,292,000 is referred to as the National Unallocated Moneys (see Part V of Schedule 8) and includes provision of financial assistance for the external studies centre of the Darwin Community College (see Clause 24). Grants of financial assistance under this clause attract the same legislative conditions applying to colleges of advanced education (see Clause 16 above). (See also Clause 40 below relating to variations of amounts in respect of colleges of advanced education proposed for amalgamation with universities).

#### Part IV - Technical and Further Education

Clause 28 : Interpretation: Definitions of terms used in Part IV - Technical and Further Education (TAFE).

Clause 29 : Grants for recurrent expenditure: This clause provides general purpose recurrent grants to the States and the Northern Territory for the purposes of technical and further education for the year 1982 (see Schedule 11).

- Clause 30 : Proposals for expenditure on staff training and data collection and processing: This clause provides grants of financial assistance for expenditure by the States and the Northern Territory on staff training, and data collection and processing, in accordance with proposals approved by the Commission, for the year 1982 (see Schedule 12). The clause also provides an unallocated amount of \$60,000 for a training program for senior TAFE executives.
- Clause 31 : Variations of amounts in Schedule 12: This clause empowers the Minister, or the Commission to a prescribed limit of \$300,000 , to transfer, at the request of a State or the Northern Territory, amounts within Schedule 12 from staff training to data collection and processing and vice versa.
- Clause 32 : Other recurrent grants: This clause empowers the Commission to approve proposals submitted by the States and the Northern Territory for expenditure on specified particular purposes. The particular purposes are those aimed at improving technical and further education. Grants, including an unallocated amount of \$100,000, are available for 1982 (see Schedule 13 for details of grants).
- Clause 33 : Grants for recurrent expenditure in connection with programs of adult education provided by non-government bodies: This clause provides 1982 grants of financial assistance to the States for expenditure by approved (i.e. approved by the Commission) non-profit/non-governmental bodies which conduct part-time courses of adult education where attendance is voluntary and no award is made (see Schedule 14 for details of grants).
- Clause 34 : Special grants for equipment: This clause provides 1982 grants of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for expenditure on equipment for technical and further education, in accordance with proposals approved by the Commission (see Schedule 15 for details of grants).
- Clause 35 : Building projects: This clause provides grants of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for the 1982 TAFE capital program (see Part VI of Schedule 7).

The legislative conditions applicable to these grants are specified in Clause 41 (see also the provision for variation of amounts in

Schedule 7 at Clause 42). The clause also empowers the Minister to direct that grants may be applied in respect of work carried out ahead of schedule (i.e. grants which constitute over-expenditure in the preceding year).

#### Part V - Non-Government Business Colleges

Clause 36 : Interpretation: Definitions of terms used in Part V - Non-Government Business Colleges.

Clause 37 : Approvals by Minister: This clause empowers the Minister to approve, for funding purposes, a course of instruction in secretarial studies provided by a non-government business college.

Clause 38 : Grants for approved courses, provided by non-government business colleges: This clause empowers the Minister to authorise the payment to a State of financial assistance for recurrent expenditure incurred by a non-government business college. Amounts payable during the 1982-84 triennium are derived from the application of a monthly per capita amount (see Schedule 16). The monthly per capita amount for 1982-84 contains a prospective allowance for cost increases, effective to December Quarter 1982.

#### Part VI - Miscellaneous

Clause 39 : Grants for community language courses: This clause empowers the Minister to approve proposals submitted to him by the Commission relating to expenditure by universities and colleges of advanced education on the provision of community language courses. An amount of \$900,000 is available for each year of the 1982-84 triennium.

Clause 40 : Variation of amounts in Schedules 1, 2A and 8: The grants provided to the James Cook University of North Queensland and to the universities of New England, Newcastle and Wollongong under Schedule 1 include provision for the advanced education activities conducted by the colleges of advanced education in the four cities concerned. This clause empowers the Minister, having regard to the advice of the Commission, to vary the amounts shown in Schedule 1 for 1982 in the event that these amalgamations do not proceed. Any reductions so made result in a corresponding increase in the

funds available in Part V of Schedule 8 (National Unallocated Moneys - see Clause 27). The clause also empowers the Minister to make adjustments to Schedule 2A under the same circumstances.

Clause 41 : Conditions attaching to building grants: This clause provides a common set of conditions to all capital grants contained in this Bill.

Clause 42 : Variations of building grants in Schedule 7: This clause empowers the Minister to vary at the request of a State or the Northern Territory the amount specified as the "Maximum Commonwealth contribution towards cost of project" for a capital project listed in Schedule 7. The Commission may also vary the amount, subject to a prescribed limit of \$300,000 or 10 per cent of the amount specified (whichever is the lesser). The clause also empowers the Commission to vary at the request of a State or the Northern Territory, any annual grant (cash flow) in Schedule 7. The clause also provides that details of variations made to the capital program shall be the subject of a statement to Parliament.

Clause 43 : Additional conditions etc.: This clause empowers the Minister to take action in the event of a breach of the conditions of grants as follows:

- (a) General: Except in the case of (b) below, where there has been a breach of the conditions the Minister may seek recovery of all or part of the relevant grant.
- (b) Academic salaries: Where institutions pay salaries in excess of those recommended by the Academic Salaries Tribunal, the Minister has discretion to reduce the recurrent grant in the next year up to the sum of over-payments involved.

Clause 44 : Time and manner of payments: This clause enables the Minister for Education to determine, in accordance with arrangements approved by the Minister for Finance, the amounts and timing of payments to the States and the Northern Territory.

Clause 45 : Delegation: This clause enables the Commission to delegate its powers granted under the legislation to either a full-time member of the Commission, or to the Universities Council, the Advanced Education Council or the Technical and Further Education Council.

Clauses  
46 to 51 : Financial Machinery Provisions.

Clause 52 : Consolidation of colleges of advanced education: This clause is a transitional provision to recognise the consolidation of colleges of advanced education into single institutions (see Schedule 17).

Clause 53 : Report by Minister: This clause requires the Minister to table, as soon as practicable after the end of the calendar year, details of the grants which have been allocated/varied for:

Research Centres of Excellence (Section 10)

National Unallocated Funds (Section 27)

Community Languages Courses (Section 39)

Student Residences and Affiliated Colleges  
(Sections 12 and 21)

Offsets of Grants for Fees Revenue  
(Sections 8, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 27).

Part VII - Amendments of States Grants (Tertiary Education)  
Assistance) Act 1978

Clause 54 : Principal Act: The Act referred to provides grants of financial assistance for tertiary education for the 1979-81 triennium.

Clause 55 : Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges of universities: This clause replaces, in full, the provisions relating to 1980 and 1981 grants for student residences and affiliated colleges to effect revised (i.e. increased) base and per capita amounts to take account of cost increases since the Act was previously amended in the 1981 Autumn Sitzings.

Clause 56 : Recurrent grants in respect of student residences and affiliated colleges of colleges: This clause replaces, in full, the provisions relating to 1980 and 1981 grants for student residences and affiliated colleges to effect revised (i.e. increased) base and per capita amounts to take account of cost increases since the Act was previously amended in the 1981 Autumn Sitzings.

Clause 57 : Grants for courses of teacher education provided by non-government teachers colleges: This clause supplements for cost movements the amount available for assistance to non-government teachers colleges in the States in respect of recurrent expenditure in connection with the provision of teacher education courses.

Clause 58 : Grants in respect of contributions to National Institute of Dramatic Art: This clause supplements for cost increases the amounts payable to New South Wales in respect of the years 1980 and 1981 to enable the New South Wales Higher Education Board to contribute towards costs incurred by the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in providing courses.

Note: From 1982 NIDA will be funded directly by the Commonwealth from Appropriation Bills 1, 2, 3 and 4 as necessary and hence will not have monies appropriated for it under States grants legislation.

Clause 59 : Grants for special teacher training initiatives: This clause amends the amounts provided for projects related to the training of technical and further education teachers to take account of cost increases since the Act was previously amended in the 1981 Autumn Sitzings.

Clause 60 : Variation of building grants in Schedules 7, 7A and 7B: This clause amends the Principal Act to increase the 1980 annual capital program by \$195,341 and to decrease the 1981 annual capital program by the same amount to take account of an adjustment between the years brought about by accelerated progress in 1980 on a major building project in the university sector (see Schedules 19 and 20).

Clause 61 : Substitution of schedules - (Supplementation for cost movements): This clause provides for the replacement of schedules in the Principal Act to effect revision of the amounts of the grants to take into account supplementation for cost movements. The substitution of the schedules also provides for an adjustment between years for the amounts provided by way of a special purposes grant for the University of Sydney for its Law Extension Committee (under-expenditure in 1979 and 1980 has been transferred to 1981, see Schedule 18 - "Schedule 2").

Clause 62 : Certain directions to cease to have effect - (Directions under the Principal Act): This clause cancels directions made by the Minister or by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission which have been superseded by the insertion of new schedules in the Principal Act.

#### Part VIII - Amendments of Other Acts

Clause 63 : Amendment of States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972: This clause repeals a condition for annual reporting to the ("once only") 1973 grants to colleges of advanced education for assistance to students-in-need.

Clause 64 : Amendment of States Grants (Universities) Act 1972: This clause repeals the same type of condition as outlined in clause 63 above in respect of grants to universities for students-in-need.







