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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) BILL 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(This memorandum takes account of an amendment made by the House of Representatives to the Bill as introduced, and should be read in conjunction with the memorandum tabled in the House of Representatives on 10 October 1991)

(Circulated by authority of the Treasurer
the Hon John Kerin MP)

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OUTLINE

The amendment to clause 6 (Financial assistance grants) reduces the financial assistance grants, in the case of the State of Victoria, by the amount of \$2.428 million to enable the transfer from the State to the Commonwealth of the full responsibility for funding the higher education program at the Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture. The amendment complements a financial adjustment as part of the Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill (No.2) 1991 to provide for the College's higher education program to be funded through the Higher Education Funding Act 1988 as from 1 January 1992.

The change in funding arrangements for the Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture is made at the request, and with the agreement, of the Victorian State Government. Details of the changed arrangements have been negotiated by the Department of Employment, Education and Training with the Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The amendment to clause 6 reduces the financial assistance grants, in the case of the State of Victoria, by the amount of \$2.428 million. In conjunction with an adjustment to the maximum grants to the States via the Higher Education Funding Act 1988, by way of the Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill (No.2) 1991, the amendment means no net change to total Commonwealth outlays.

Note on the amendment

Clause 6: Financial assistance grants: The amendment reduces the financial assistance grants, in the case of Victoria, determined by the existing formula in clause 6 by the amount of \$2.428 million.