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SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister representing the
Minister for Social Security the Hon N Blewett MP)

OUTLINE

This Bill proposes to amend the Social Security Act 1947 by increasing the rate of unemployment benefit payable to persons aged 18 years or more without dependants from \$64.40 per week to \$68.65 per week, as from 1 May 1983.

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Clause 1 : Short title, etc

By this clause, the amending Act would be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1983, and the Social Security Act 1947 would be referred to in the amending Act as the Principal Act.

Clause 2 : Commencement

By reason of sub-section 5(1A) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901, an Act comes into operation on the 28th day after the day of Royal Assent unless the contrary intention appears in the Act. This clause proposes that the amending Act would come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 : Rate of unemployment and sickness benefit

Section 112 of the Principal Act prescribes the rate of unemployment benefit and sickness benefit payable to a person qualified for benefit. In particular, paragraph 112(1)(b) currently prescribes that the rate of unemployment benefit payable to a person aged 18 years or more who has no dependants is an amount of \$64.40 per week.

Clause 3(1) proposes to substitute the amount of \$68.65 for the current amount of \$64.40.

Clause 3(2) proposes that the amendment made by clause 3(1) would apply to payments of unemployment benefit falling due on or after 1 May 1983.

