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**THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**SENATE**

**SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2) 1993**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**Request to be moved on behalf  
of the Government**

**(Circulated by authority of the Hon Con Sciacca MP  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security  
representing the Minister for Social Security)**

## **SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2) 1993**

### **OUTLINE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

This request affects the *Social Security Act 1991*.

The Social Security Amendment Bill (No 2) 1993, as introduced, provides for a rate increase of \$3 per week in the rate of newstart allowance from 20 March 1994 for those newstart allowees who are not members of a couple and are:

- aged 21 to 59 years and do not have dependent children; or
- aged 60 years and over, do not have dependent children and have not received a social security benefit continuously for at least 6 months.

The request extends this rate increase to corresponding groups of job search allowance and sickness allowance recipients.

The estimated cost of the request is \$11.5m in 1993-94, \$36.2m in 1994-95 and \$33.2m in 1995-96. There will also be some minor flow on expenditure in the Department of Employment, Education and Training portfolio for the allowance paid to unemployed people who are participating in formal training.

## NOTES ON REQUEST

### **Request**

Clause 3(b) of the Social Security Amendment Bill (No 2) 1993 provides for the amounts specified in new items 4A and 4B (these relate to certain newstart allowees) in new point 1068-B3 to be increased by \$6.00 (each fortnight) from 20 March 1994.

The request adds new items 3 and 4 to this list so that a person who receives either job search allowance or sickness allowance, is not a member of a couple and:

- is aged 21 to 59 and does not have dependent children; or
- is aged 60 years and over, does not have dependent children and has not received a social security benefit continuously for at least 6 months

will also receive the rate increase of \$6.00 a fortnight from 20 March 1994.

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