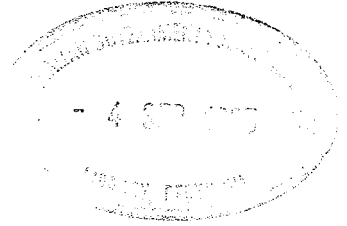


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LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

**(Circulated by authority of the Hon Janice Crosio MP,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security,
representing the Minister for Social Security)**

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OUTLINE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

These amendments affect the *Social Security Act 1991* (the Principal Act).

Authorised disclosure of information to Commonwealth Departments and authorities

Paragraph 1314(1)(b) of the Principal Act currently allows the Secretary to disclose information to the Secretary or head of another Commonwealth Department or authority for the purposes of that agency.

Amendments proposed by Division 14 would extend this power so that the Secretary may also disclose information to the staff of the other agency. Also, the Division would make it possible for the Secretary to delegate his power under paragraph 1314(1)(b).

This Government amendment would omit Division 14.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

There had been proposed an amendment to Division 14 which would have made any instrument of delegation of the paragraph 1314(1)(b) power a disallowable instrument under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*. Further, the instrument of delegation would not take effect until the end of the 15 Sitting day disallowance period.

These changes, if they had proceeded, would have created severe administrative difficulties for the Department of Social Security.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the Division be withdrawn in its entirety.

