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SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) AMENDMENT BILL 1991

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Social Security
Senator the Hon Graham Richardson)

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OUTLINE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendment to the Social Security (Job Search and Newstart) Amendment Bill 1991 would impact on the Social Security Act 1991.

The amendment ensures that the Secretary cannot require a person to "work for the dole" as part of the person's Newstart Activity Agreement.

The amendment has no financial impact.

NOTES ON AMENDMENT

Amendment - Clause 7 : Repeal of Parts 2.11 and 2.12 of the Principal Act - Substitution of new Parts 2.11 and 2.12

An amendment would be made to paragraph 606(1)(e) to insert after "market" the words "not being measures compelling the person to work in return for payment of newstart allowance".

This amendment is in response to concerns expressed by welfare groups on the potential of paragraph 606(1)(e) (measures designed to eliminate or reduce any disadvantage the person has in the labour market) to be used to require a person to "work for the dole".

The amendment explicitly negates the possibility of the Secretary requiring a person, as part of his or her Newstart Activity Agreement, to engage in employment and be paid newstart allowance as remuneration for the work performed.



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