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1. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES ASSISTANCE) BILL 1976
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Date Introduced: 4 November 1976

House: House of Representatives

Presented by: The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. R. I. Viner

SHORT DIGEST OF BILLS

1. Purpose

The purpose of these Bills is to provide legislative authority for payments to the States in respect of 1977 for approved post-secondary education programs.

2. Provisions

The States Grants (Universities Assistance) Bill 1976 provides \$520.7m (\$514m recurrent expenditure and equipment purchases and \$6.7m capital expenditure) for universities in the States in respect of 1977. The Bill directs financial assistance particularly to the new universities of Deakin (Vic.), Griffith (Qld), and Murdoch (W.A.). Special earmarked support is also provided for the Australian Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales, the Schools of Medicine at Flinders University and Newcastle University and the School of Veterinary Studies at Murdoch University. Priority has also been given to an increase in funds for the University of Wollongong to raise its resource standards closer to the standards of other, more established universities.

The States Grants (Advanced Education Assistance) Bill 1976 provides:

- \$343.521m recurrent and \$70.456m capital expenditure for the advanced education sector in respect of 1977.
- an estimated additional grant of \$0.715m recurrent expenditure on a formula basis to assist in meeting the administrative costs of student residences and affiliated residential colleges.

On the recommendation of the Commission of Advanced Education, \$6.6m has been transferred to the university sector for allocation to the Deakin University on behalf of the Gordon Institute of Technology and the State College of Victoria, Geelong, which will be absorbed into the Deakin University in 1977. In addition, \$3m has been transferred to the technical and further education sector for advanced education courses being offered in TAFE institutions.

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The States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Bill 1976, provides \$79.088m (\$37.27m capital expenditure, \$41.818m recurrent expenditure) as supplementary grants to the States which retain primary responsibility for technical and further education.

3. Implications

The amounts payable under these Bills are in accordance with the financial recommendations contained in the 1977–79 Triennium Reports of the Universities Commission, the Commission on Advanced Education and the Technical and Further Education Commission. However, whereas the original financial recommendations were expressed in December 1975 prices, the amounts shown in the Bills are expressed in September 1976 prices in the case of academic and non-academic (general) wages and salaries, and June 1976 prices in the case of building, equipment and other non-salary costs. The grants in the Bills are the first to be made under the new funding guidelines announced by the Minister for Education on 20 May 1976.

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