Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Amendment Bill 1989

Date Introduced: 24 May 1989
House: House of Representatives
Portfolio: Primary Industries and Energy

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To provide for egg industry contributions towards programs for the control and eradication of exotic animal diseases.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Exotic Animal Disease Control Bill 1989.

Main Provisions
The Bill will have effect from 1 July 1990 (clause 2).

A new section 10 will be substituted into the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Act 1987 (the Principle Act) by clause 3. The new provisions will set the general industry research levy at a maximum of 10 cents per hen. The operative rate will be prescribed by regulation.

An additional levy (the exotic animal disease levy) may be imposed at a maximum rate of 0.25 cents per hen. The National Farmers Federation members of the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council may make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the operative rate of levy (clause 4).

Clause 5 provides that the levy will cease on 30 June 1995.

Remarks
Section 12 of the Principle Act states ‘If the law of a State ceases to provide for hen quota licences, this Act ceases to have effect.’ As the New South Wales government has recently repealed the Egg Industry Act 1983 (NSW) and no further licensing or quota arrangements were introduced, there are doubts about the continued operation of the Principle Act.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.