Goat Fibre Levy Collection Bill 1989

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Portfolio: Primary Industries and Energy

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To provide the machinery for the collection of the levy imposed by the Goat Fibre Levy Bill 1989.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Goat Fibre Levy Bill 1989.

Main Provisions
'Leviable amount' is defined as $50, or a prescribed amount (clause 3).

The levy on leviable fibre will be payable quarterly or such longer period as set by regulation (clause 4).

The purchaser or receiver of leviable fibre will be liable to pay the levy and may deduct an equal amount from payments to growers (clause 5).

Where the levy has not been paid on time, an additional levy, calculated at the rate of 2% per month of the original levy, or the amount unpaid, will be imposed (clause 6).

Where there has been an overpayment of the levy, the Commonwealth is to refund the amount overpaid (clause 9).

An authorised person will have power to enter premises with the consent of the occupier or with a warrant issued under proposed section 12, to search and take stock of leviable fibre or goods produced from leviable fibre and examine or copy any relevant documents. A person obstructing or hindering an authorised person will be liable to a maximum penalty of 6 months imprisonment (clause 11).

It will be an offence to fail to furnish a return or provide information, without reasonable excuse, required under this Bill or the regulations. The maximum penalty for a breach of this provision will be 6 months imprisonment (clause 13).
The Governor – General may make regulations, including regulations prescribing penalties not exceeding $1000 for individuals or $5 000 for corporations (clause 19).

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

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