Overseas Students Charge Amendment Bill 1989

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Purpose
To set the 1990 rate of charge payable by overseas students attending Australian educational institutions.

Background
Overseas students attending Australian educational institutions are required to contribute to the cost of their tuition by the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979 (the Principal Act). The percentage of the cost of education paid by overseas students has been increased in recent years. For students who commenced study before 1 January 1986, the charge is approximately 32% of the full cost of the tuition; 45% for students commencing after that date, and 55% for students enrolling in the 1988 academic year. In 1988, the charge was extended to overseas students attending non-degree courses. The percentage of the cost of education to be paid by overseas students in the 1990 academic year will remain unchanged.

In the 1989–90 Budget, it was announced that from 1 January 1990 the charge will be replaced by a full-fee/scholarship system. Students currently paying the charge will continue to do so for the duration of their current study course.¹

Main Provisions
Clause 3, which will amend section 6 of the Principal Act, contains the new charges. For courses of medicine, veterinary science and dentistry (class A courses) commenced before 1 January 1986, the cost will be $4939. For other courses commenced before that date, the cost will be $4146.

For courses commenced between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 1987, the cost for class A courses will be $6681 and $5841 for other courses.

For courses commenced after 1 January 1988, the cost will be $7986 for class A courses and $7146 for other courses and for enrolment as a non-degree higher education student.
Costs for TAFE courses will be $653 for courses commenced before 1 January 1987; $918 for commencements between 1 January and 31 December 1987; and $1122 for commencements after that date.

A fee of $378 will apply for secondary education courses commenced after 1 January 1990.

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare Group.

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