Laying Chicken Levy Collection Bill 1988

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for primary Industries and Energy

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Purpose
To provide the machinery for the collection of the levy that may be imposed under the Laying Chicken Levy Bill 1988.

Background
The collection arrangements for the Laying Chicken Levy are similar to those for the Chicken Meat Levy Act 1969. Most of the hatcheries which would incur the new levy are already paying the meat levy and would already be keeping the data needed for the laying levy.

This Bill will result in monthly levy collections compared with the present twice yearly arrangements. This is expected to cause a small increase in clerical costs to the industry and collection costs for the government.

Also refer to the Digest for the Laying Chicken Levy Bill 1988.

Main Provisions
Subject to exemptions listed in the Laying Chicken Levy Bill 1988, the levy is to be paid monthly and is payable two months after hatching (Paragraph 5 (i)). Paragraph 5 (ii) provides for non-payment of the levy until a minimum of 1000 chickens have been hatched.

Clauses 6 to 18 reflect standard provisions of Commonwealth levy legislation including penalty for late payment; remission of penalty; recovery of outstanding levy and other amounts; the power of authorised persons in relation to premises, warrants to enter premises, identity cards; returns; conduct of directors, servants and agents; and review of decisions.

Clause 19 enables funds to be paid into the Poultry Research Trust Fund as are proceeds from the present scheme. As the new levy replaces an old one, there is no need to establish a new Research Council and Trust Fund as required by the Rural Industries Research Act 1985.
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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