MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1987

Date Introduced: 18 February 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Michael J. Young, M.P., Minister Representing the Special Minister of State

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose
To amend the Ministers of State Act 1952 (the Principal Act) to accommodate the effect of the 2.3% national wage case of July 1986 on the salaries of Government Ministers.

Background
On 1 July 1986, the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission handed down a 2.3% national wage case decision. National wage case decisions automatically apply to all officers within the Remuneration Tribunal's jurisdiction including Commonwealth Ministers.

Under the Principal Act, a limit is placed on the annual sum appropriated from the Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund for ministerial salaries. The Bill proposes to increase this annual limit from $660 000 as it currently stands, to $680 000.

Main Provisions
The Bill will come into effect upon receiving the Royal Assent (clause 2).

Section 5 of the Principal Act will be amended by inserting $680 000 as the new annual sum payable for the salaries of Ministers (clause 3).

For further information, if required, contact the Law and Government Group.
This Digest does not have any official legal status. Other sources should be consulted to determine the subsequent official status of the Bill.

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