Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Collection Bill 1987

Date introduced: March 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To provide the machinery for the collection of the levy which is to be imposed under the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Bill 1987.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Bill 1987. For constitutional reasons arrangements for the collection of the levy proposed in the above Bill are provided for in a separate bill.

There will be minor savings in clerical costs to the Commonwealth, and significantly lower costs of collection to the State Boards.

Main Provisions
The State Egg Boards and Territory authorities will collect the levy on the Commonwealth's behalf (clause 5). The levy will be deducted from amounts which a Board owes the producer whose eggs pass through the Board. In the case of producers who are authorised to sell eggs directly to wholesalers or retailers on the Board's behalf, payment of levy to the Board will be required (clause 6).

The annual levy is to be paid in two equal instalments in July and January of each financial year (clause 4).

There will be a penalty, calculated at the rate of 20% per annum, on any unpaid levy. The Minister or an authorised person will be able to remit the penalty to a maximum of $100 (clause 7).

The relevant provision in the Rural Industries Research Act 1985 will continue to apply so as to retain the existing Trust Fund and Research Council which hold and administer the money collected (clause 9).
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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