Date Introduced: 17 April 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Purpose

To amend and repeal certain Acts and implement transitional provisions in order to give effect to the proposed Rural Industries Research Bill 1985.

Background

For a detailed background on current rural industry research and developments in Australia, refer to the Bills Digest on the Rural Industries Research Bill 1985 (the Principal Bill).

The enactment of the Principal Bill will render some of the relevant existing legislation obsolete as well as change the current organisation and structure of the Australian rural research system. The Bill provides the legislative machinery through which a smooth transition may be made from the current research system to the one imposed by the Principal Bill.

Main Provisions

The Bill is to be read as one with the Principal Bill (clause 3).

Research Funds and Research Councils established under the Principal Bill shall correspond to those Funds and Councils currently existing for goods covered by the Principal Bill (sub-clauses 5(1) and (2)).

The Bill also provides for money standing to the credit of a current Research Fund to be credited to the corresponding new Fund established by the Principal Bill. Identical provisions apply for the transfer of investments (sub-clause 6(1) to (10)).
Certain arrangements or agreements entered into by an authorised person under a current funding organisation will have effect as if the arrangement or agreement had been entered into under the provisions of the Principal Bill (clause 8).

Provision is also made for the payment out of existing funds, of any amounts relating to the payment of expenses incurred, and remuneration and allowances payable, before the day on which the Principal Bill comes into operation for any particular goods (clause 9).

Schedule 2 of the Bill specifies those Acts which are amended by the Bill and the nature of those amendments (clause 11).

Schedule 3 of the Bill lists the 12 Acts which will be repealed as a result of the new legislation.

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