MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1985

Date Introduced: 8 May 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Michael J. Young, M.P., Special Minister of State

Purpose

To amend the Ministers of State Act 1952 (the Principal Act) to accommodate the effect of the April 1985 2.6% national wage case on the salaries of Government Ministers.

Background

On 3 April 1985, the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission handed down a 2.6% national wage case decision which was to take effect from the first pay period commencing after 6 April 1985.

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 Fund for ministerial salaries.

The Bill proposes to increase this annual limit from $610,000 as it currently stands, to $630,000.

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 $630,000 as the new annual sum payable, for the salaries of Ministers (clause 3).

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References