WOOL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

Date Introduced: 8 May 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Wool Industry Act 1972 in order to bring under that Act the apportionment of wool tax receipts among market support, wool research and the general purposes of the Australian Wool Corporation (AWC); to provide greater flexibility in the apportionment among the end uses through regulations.

Background

This Bill is complementary to the Wool Tax (Nos. 1-5) Amendment Bills which provide for the removal of the apportionment provisions.

For further information, refer to the Bills Digest for Wool Tax (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1985 (Digest No. 85/102).

Outline

The apportionment of wool tax receipts to the AWC for market receipts is to be varied between a maximum of 5% and a minimum of 4% of the sale value of wool.

The balance of the wool tax receipts is to be apportioned between the AWC's general purposes and wool research by regulation at a total rate of up to 4% of the sale value of wool.

Main Provisions

For a detailed explanation of the clauses of the Bill, refer to the Explanatory Memorandum.

The Bill will come into operation on 1 July 1985 (clause 2).
Amounts of tax equal to a percentage of the sale value of wool as prescribed by regulations are to be paid into the Wool Research Trust Fund (proposed paragraph 68(1)(a)), to the AWC for general purposes (proposed sub-section 83(1)) and market support (proposed sub-section 84A(1)) (clauses 3, 4 and 5).

New sub-sections 68(1A), 83(2) and 84A(4) provide that the sum of the percentages prescribed by regulations for research, general purposes and market support is to equal the percentage specified as the rate of tax imposed under the Wool Tax Acts (Nos. 1-5) 1964 i.e. 8% (clauses 3, 4 and 5).

New sub-section 84(3) provides that any apportionment of wool tax receipts for the AWC's market support activities is to be at a rate not greater than 5% and not less than 4% of the sale value of wool (clause 5).

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