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Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

Background
The Bill imposes tax on income derived by individuals and trustees generally for the 1983-84 income year and succeeding year until Parliament otherwise provides. Provisional tax for 1983-84 will also be imposed by the Bill. It is complementary to the Income Tax (Rates) Act 1982.

The Rates Act contains a new personal income tax rate scale put forward in the 1982-83 Budget. The new scale, which became effective from 1 November 1982, will result in an overall reduction in tax payable on 1983-84 assessments. Such reduction is occasioned, among other things, by an increase in the tax-free threshold to $4,595, a reduction in the standard rate of tax to 30 per cent and an increase in the standard rate step, namely the point above which a taxpayer commences to pay 46 per cent of each additional dollar, to $19,500.

Main Provisions
Clause 5 applies the Bill to persons and trustee companies, but excludes persons in the capacity of trustee of a superannuation fund, corporate unit trust, or trust estate assessable because the final beneficiary is a non-resident company. The rate of tax is that declared in the Income Tax (Rates) Act 1982.

A provision in clause 6 to discount tax demands or rebates of 49 cents or less was initiated with the 1982 Act.
Tax is levied by clause 7 in respect of the 1983-84 financial year and, until Parliament otherwise provides, the following year. Provisional tax is levied by clause 8.

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