FISH (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1981

Date Introduced: 7 May 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Purpose

To establish machinery required to collect the charges proposed under the Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Bill 1981.

Background and Provisions

See also the Bills Digest to the Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Bill 1981.

The provisions of the Act are to commence on 1 July 1981 (cl. 2), after which export charge payments will be due within 28 days of the end of the month in which fish export permits are issued (cl. 4). Clause 5 provides for the recovery of the charge by the Commonwealth together with any of the penalties for late payment provided for under clause 6. In taking any action against an exporter for the recovery of charges, a statement by the Commonwealth is prima facie evidence of the matter stated (sub. cl. 5(2)).

Clause 9 provides for the Governor-General to make regulations relating to the manner of payments, refunds and remissions, the keeping and furnishing of records and other matters. Clause 7 provides penalties for non-compliance with the regulations while clause 8 gives persons authorised by the Minister access to premises in the performance of their duties.