DRIED FRUIT (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1981

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

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

Background and Main Provisions

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

The provisions of the Act will apply from 1 July 1981 (cl. 2). Payments are due within 28 days of the end of the month in which the dried fruit is exported (cl. 4).
Clause 5 provides for the recovery of the charge by the Commonwealth, plus any penalties for non-payment which, under clause 6, are set at 10 per cent per annum of any outstanding debt to the Commonwealth under the Act. 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 regulations to be made concerning the manner of payments and refunds, the keeping of records, furnishing information and certain other matters. Clause 7 provides for penalties to be imposed for offences relating to the information exporters are required to furnish under the regulations. Clause 8 provides for the access to premises by persons authorised by the Minister to search for information relating to moneys owed to the Commonwealth.