FISH (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1981

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

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To recover some of the costs of fish export inspections by imposing a charge on fish exports.

Background and Provisions

Following the Review by the so-called "Razor Gang" (Review of Commonwealth Functions) the Government has decided to introduce a program of charges aimed at recovering 50 per cent of the costs of export inspections. Fish and dried fruit exports are to be the first items to be affected. It is intended that this Act would apply from 1 July 1981 (cl. 2). Clause 5 imposes the charge on fish exports except for those classes which may be exempted under the regulations.

Clause 6 allows for rates of charges to vary between different classes of fish but imposes a maximum of 15 cents per dozen oysters in the shell or 30 cents per kilogram for all other fish. The charge is payable by the exporter (cl. 7).

The Governor-General may make regulations regarding exemption classes of fish and rates payable on other fish exports (cl. 8).

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