Date Introduced: 15 October 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. W.C. Fife, M.P., Minister for Education

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Australian National University Act 1946 to provide for the limited reintroduction of tuition fees at the University.

Background

This Bill is a consequence of the Review of Commonwealth Functions announced on 30 April 1981. It contains similar provisions to those in the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1981 and the Canberra College of Advanced Education Amendment Bill 1981. These will enable the reintroduction of tuition fees for certain categories of second-degree students at tertiary institutions.

The Bill also contains two minor amendments requested by the University.

Main Provisions

Clause 5 introduces a new section 28A which will enable the Minister to make determinations in respect of the imposition of tuition fees.

New sub-section 28A(1) will limit the fees to be determined by the Minister to a maximum of $1,000 p.a. for each student.

First-degree students, students who were undertaking a course before 1 January 1982, students already required to pay the Overseas Students Charge and sponsored overseas students will be exempted from the tuition fees under the provisions of new sub-section 28A(2).
New sub-section 28A(6) will oblige the University Council to collect the tuition fees.

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