HONEY RESEARCH BILL 1980

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. A.E. Adermann, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To establish a Honey Research Scheme.

Background

The honey industry has at various times in the recent past faced problems with diseases and pesticides on the one hand, and marketing and production problems on the other. As a result, the industry has advocated a more formal approach to research into beekeeping and related matters. This Bill proposes a honey research scheme.

Provisions

The interpretations clause contains a wide definition of research including the training of researchers, publication and the dissemination of results.

Clause 4 establishes the Honey Research Trust Account. Provisions are made for payment into the Research Account of amounts paid by the industry as the research component of the export charge and the levies, with a matching contribution by the Commonwealth as payments are made with these monies. There is also provision for payment into the Research Account of penalty payments, gifts, sale of assets and interest on investments (clause 5).

Clause 7 allows for payments from the Research Account for research (to be approved by the Minister) and for the Research Committee's expenses. Clause 8 allows the Minister to enter into agreements with individuals relating to research and the payment of monies from sales of assets, results of research, patents and other matters.

Clause 9 establishes a Honey Research Committee to make recommendations regarding both rates payable under the Export Charge Act and Levy Acts to the Research Account, and
payments from the Research Account. Clause 10 provides for the constitution of the committee. Other matters relating to the committee are provided for in clauses 11-17.

The Governor-General may make regulations in accordance with the Act (clause 18).

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