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AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)
BILL 1980

Date Introduced: 16 April 1980
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.E. McLeay, Minister for Administrative Services

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose


Background

There would seem to have been some doubt about the legal powers of 'special members' who are appointed by the Commissioner under s.27 of the Australian Federal Police Act 1979. The definition of 'constable' and 'member of the Australian Federal Police' in relevant Acts will now include a 'special member of the Australian Federal Police'.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 provides that Commonwealth legislation is amended as set out in the Schedule to the Bill. Generally, the amendments to the Acts listed provide that:

- references to 'member of the Australian Federal Police' will now read 'member or special member of the Australian Federal Police'; and
- the definition of 'constable' is altered to include 'special member of the Australian Federal Police'.

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