PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY

MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1980

Date Introduced: 21 August 1980
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose and Background

Section 66 of the Constitution provides that there shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the salaries of the Ministers of State, an annual sum which, until the Parliament otherwise provides, shall not exceed twelve thousand pounds a year. The Bill provides for an increase in the financial limit from $350,000 to $400,000.

The amendment follows the decision of the Government to accept the recommendations in the 1980 Review by the Remuneration Tribunal. The increases to Ministerial salaries represent the flow on of National Wage Case decisions of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

Main Provision

Clause 3 amends the Principal Act by omitting "$350,000" and substituting "$400,000".

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