WHEAT LEVY BILL (NO. 2) 1979

Date Introduced: 8 November 1979
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To provide for the collection of a levy on wheat not delivered to the Australian Wheat Board.

Background

See Digests to Wheat Marketing Bill 1979 and Wheat Levy Bill (No. 1) 1979. This Bill is complementary to the Wheat Levy Bill (No. 1) 1979. That Bill provides for the collection of a levy on wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board. The present Bill contains similar provisions relating to wheat not delivered to the Australian Wheat Board but, by the Wheat Marketing Bill 1979, nevertheless sold to, and becoming the property of the Board. The levy is paid into a Fund established to finance the prescribed operations of the Australian Wheat Board.

Provisions

The Bill shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 October 1979 (clause 2). Clause 3 contains definitions. For the purpose of this Bill "wheat" is defined so as to exclude wheat levied under the Wheat Levy Bill (No. 1) 1979.

Provision is made for a levy to be imposed on wheat sold to the Board (clause 4) at a rate equal to that imposed on wheat delivered to the Board under the Wheat Levy Bill (No. 1) 1979 (clause 5) (i.e. $2.50 per tonne). Clause 6 specifies the levy as a debt due to the Commonwealth by the Board. The debt is due on 31 March following the season (1 October to 30 September) in which the levy is collected. Clause 7 allows the Board to deduct the levy from amounts payable for wheat sold to the Board.