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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. A.A. Street, M.P.,
Minister representing the
Minister for Administrative Services

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose
To remove from the jurisdiction of the Remuneration Tribunal the determination of remuneration for members of the Legislative Assembly, members of the Executive Council and Ministers of the Northern Territory.

Background
This Bill is consequential upon the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Bill 1978 and thus forms part of the program for granting responsible self-government to the Northern Territory.

Provisions
The Bill amends s.3 of the Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973 by

1. omitting the definitions of "legislative assembly" and "Territory" from sub-section (1);
2. rewriting sub-section (3) to refer to the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly rather than 'a legislative assembly of an internal territory'; and
3. inserting paragraph (ja) of sub-section (4) which has the effect of excluding from the Tribunal's consideration the remuneration of a member of the Legislative Assembly, a member of the Executive Council or a Minister of the Northern Territory. (The Northern Territory Government can, however, pursuant to clause 54 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Bill 1978 confer on the Tribunal the function of reporting on such remuneration).

The Bill will come into effect on 1 July, 1978 (clause 2).