AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1978

Date Introduced: 24 May 1978
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To ensure the continued application of the Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963-1976 to members of the Public Service of the Northern Territory to whom the Act currently applies after self-government in the Territory.

Background

The Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act makes the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority liable for damage sustained by the death of or injury to one of its employees required to travel by air in the course of duty or at Commonwealth expense, where the aircraft is not Commonwealth owned and not covered by the provisions of the Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959 which covers normal commercial flying. This Bill will continue that cover for members of the Northern Territory Public Service after self-government. However, any payment under the Act after 1 July 1978 will be by the Northern Territory.

Main Provision

Clause 4 is a technical provision which has the effect of applying the relevant provisions of the Act to Northern Territory public servants as well as Commonwealth public servants.