DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1978

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. I. Sinclair, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To reduce the minimum quantity of production in any one season above which growers have to contribute via the levy to the Sultana Stabilization Fund.

Background

This Bill is complementary to the Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Amendment Bill 1978 the purpose of which is to extend the Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Scheme for sultanas to the 1978, 1979 and 1980 seasons with increases in the base price paid to growers and the limit on the Commonwealth contribution. The scheme will operate so that if the average seasonal return for sultanas is above the base price plus $10 per tonne, growers would pay as a levy on production the excess (limited to $20 per tonne) into the Sultana Stabilization Fund, except when production does not exceed 50,000 tonnes as amended in this Bill (previously the Dried Vine Fruits Levy Act 1971 set the minimum at 60,000 tonnes).

Since the amendment will lower the minimum quantity received for packing above which the levy is payable by the growers, it is increasing the likelihood of grower contributions to the fund for any particular year.

Main Provisions

The minimum quantity in respect of sultanas received for packing in any of the seasons 1978, 1979 and 1980 is reduced by 10,000 tonnes to 50,000 tonnes (clause 3(c)).