

been referred back to the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs.

The Bill has 3 main purposes:

(1) to strengthen the provisions in the AD(JR) Act under which the Federal Court has a discretion to refuse to grant an application for review where another law makes provision for review of the disputed decision by a tribunal, authority or person;

(2) to discourage the disruption of administrative proceedings by narrowing the scope for applications under the AD(JR) Act during the course of the proceedings, where there is legislative provision for the review of the disputed decision at the conclusion of the proceedings; and

(3) to make specific provision for the Federal Court's general discretion under the Act to refuse to entertain an application.

In the formulation of the Bill, detailed consideration was given to the recommendations made by the Council in its report, Review of the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 - Stage One. Detailed comment on the Bill was made at [1987] Admin Review 2.

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P E R S O N A L I A

Administrative Review Council

On 29 September 1987 the Attorney-General announced the appointment of 3 new members of the Council: Mr R. Brown, Secretary of the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs; Dr W.B. Creighton, of the A.C.T.U.; and Ms H. Vorrath, from a Melbourne consultancy firm. These appointments run for 3 years from 25 September 1987. Mr J.H.P. Disney has been reappointed to the Council.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Mr G.P. Nicholls has been appointed a full-time senior member of the Tribunal.

Commonwealth Ombudsman

On 6 October 1987 Mr G.K. Kolts, Commonwealth Ombudsman, announced his resignation as Ombudsman after 15 months in office. The resignation takes effect from the end of October. From that time Mr Kolts ceases to be a member of the Administrative Review Council, an ex officio position held by the Ombudsman. Pending the filling of the position, Mr Kevin Sainsbury, Deputy Ombudsman, will be acting as Ombudsman. Mr Kolts is to take up a position in private legal practice.

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