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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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BROADCASTING (LIMITED LICENCES) FEES BILL 1988

OUTLINE

The Broadcasting (Limited Licences) Fees Bill 1988 provides for the payment of fees by way of tax in respect of the grant or renewal of a limited licence under the Broadcasting Act 1942 as proposed to be amended by the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 1988. An annual fee by way of tax is also payable on each 1 January during the currency of the licence and, in respect of the balance of the licence period, on the 1 July immediately succeeding the end of the licence period.

The amount of grant, renewal and annual fees will be fixed in accordance with the regulations.

Financial Impact Statement

It is not expected that significant revenue will be generated by the Bill. The precise amounts will depend on the demand for limited licences, which cannot be estimated with any precision.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 Short Title - Formal
- Clause 2 Commencement - On Royal Assent
- Clause 3 Incorporates the Bill with the Broadcasting Act 1942 thereby allowing terms defined in the Act to be used in the Bill and any regulations without further definition.
- Clause 4 Imposes an obligation on the holder of a limited licence to pay fees in respect of the grant or renewal of the licence. The amount of the fee in individual cases will be ascertained in accordance with the regulations.
- Clause 5 Enables regulations to be made fixing fees for the grant of limited licences, either by specifying an amount or by specifying a formula. The regulations may provide for a system of tendering, bidding or auction in ascertaining the fee for grant. The regulations may also prescribe the amount of fee payable on renewal of a limited licence.
- Clause 6 Annual fees may be charged in respect of limited licences on each 1 January during the currency of the licence and on the 1 January immediately succeeding that period. Annual fees, if any, will be provided for in the regulations.
- Clause 7 Regulation making power.

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