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SENATE

EGG INDUSTRY RESEARCH (HEN QUOTA) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for
Primary Industries and Energy, the Hon John Kerin MP)

THIS MEMORANDUM TAKES ACCOUNT OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BILL AS INTRODUCED

EGG INDUSTRY RESEARCH (HEN QUOTA) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989**OUTLINE**

1. The purpose of this Bill, which is complementary to the Exotic Animal Disease Control Bill 1989, is to amend the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Act 1987 to provide for the egg industry's contribution to the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Trust Account.
2. The Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Act 1987 would cease to apply at such time as the States decide to terminate the hen quota system in the egg producing industry, and the legislation to establish a laying chicken levy would then be proclaimed. This may occur after the commencement of the Exotic Animal Disease Control legislation and, therefore, contingency provision is being made in the hen quota levy legislation for payment of the egg industry's contribution to the Account.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

3. The additional levy collection costs incurred by the Commonwealth will be fully recouped from industry contributions to the Trust Account.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short Title

4. Provides mode of citation of Act and reference to the "Principal Act".

Clause 2: Commencement

5. Provides for commencement on 1 July 1990.

Clause 3: Rate of Levy

6. Specifies that the rate which may be prescribed for the exotic disease levy can not exceed 0.25 cent.

Clause 4: Regulations

7. Prescribes arrangements to apply to the Governor-General's power to make regulations determining the operative rates of levy for exotic disease purposes.

Clause 5: Termination of Act

8. Levy liability will cease to accrue at the end of 30 June 1995.

