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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Health, Housing and
Community Services, the Hon. Brian Howe MP)

NOTES ON AMENDMENT

The amendment alters clause 33 of the Bill, which is intended to prevent access to the services of Australian Hearing Services (AHS) by people who are not Australian citizens nor Australian permanent residents.

The effect of the amendment is to exclude persons determined by the Minister to be eligible for AHS services from the requirement that AHS not provide hearing services to persons who are neither Australian citizens nor Australian permanent residents. This would make provisions such that persons, refugees to Australia for example, who are neither Australian citizens nor Australian permanent residents, may be determined by the Minister to be eligible for AHS services.

Such a determination is a disallowable instrument under subsection 5(2) of the Principal Act.

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