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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Primary  
Industries and Energy the Hon Simon Crean MP)

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OUTLINE

The three Amendment Bills propose to increase the maximum allowable rate of levy which can be applied for honey research and development by the Honeybee Research and Development Council. These Bills cover, respectively, levy imposed on honey produced in Australia and sold; levy imposed on honey produced in Australia and used in the production of other goods; and an export charge on honey exported not already levied.

2. The levy and export charge for honey research and development purposes is applied by the Honeybee Research and Development Council in accordance with the provisions of the Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 and Regulations made under that Act.
3. The Bills propose to increase the maximum rate of levy or export charge to be applied for honey research and development from 0.50 cent to 0.75 cent per kilogram of honey.
4. At present the operative levy rate, set by Regulations is at the maximum of 0.50 cent per kilogram of honey. These amendments will give the honey industry the flexibility to increase its operative levy rate for research and development purposes without the need for frequent amendments to legislation, thereby avoiding delays caused by the pressure of legislative business in the Parliament at the time the request is made and reducing the demands on the legislative process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

5. No additional budgetary outlays will result from the amendment itself. However the Government matches primary industry levies for funding expenditure on research and development up to 0.5 percent of the gross value of production of the industry. Passage of the Bills would enable the Government to agree to an industry request for an operative rate increase for honey research and development purposes above the current maximum levy or export charge, which would then generate additional budgetary outlays.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

HONEY LEVY (NO 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1991

Clause 1 - Short title etc.

6. Sub-clause (1) of the Honey Levy (No 1) Amendment Bill 1991 provides for the short title of the Act to be the Honey Levy (No 1) Amendment Act 1991.
7. Sub-clause (2) establishes that references to the Principal Act are references to the Honey Levy Act (No 1) 1962.

Clause 2 - Commencement

8. Provides that the Act shall come into operation on the day that it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Rates of levy

9. Increases the maximum rate of levy allowable under the Principal Act for research and development purposes from 0.50 cent per kilogram of honey to 0.75 cent per kilogram of honey.

HONEY LEVY (NO 2) AMENDMENT BILL 1991

Clause 1 - Short title etc.

10. Sub-clause (1) of the Honey Levy (No 2) Amendment Bill 1991 provides for the short title of the Act to be the Honey Levy (No 2) Amendment Act 1991.
11. Sub-clause (2) establishes that references to the Principal Act are references to the Honey Levy Act (No 2) 1962.

Clause 2 - Commencement

12. Provides that the Act shall come into operation on the day that it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Rates of levy

13. Increases the maximum rate of levy allowable under the Principal Act for research and development purposes from 0.50 cent per kilogram of honey to 0.75 cent per kilogram of honey.

HONEY EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1991

Clause 1 - Short title etc.

14. Sub-clause (1) of the Honey Export Charge Amendment Bill 1991 provides for the short title of the Act to be the Honey Export Charge Amendment Act 1991.
15. Sub-clause (2) establishes that references to the Principal Act are references to the Honey Export Charge Act 1973.

Clause 2 - Commencement

16. Provides that the Act shall come into operation on the day that it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Rates of levy

17. Increases the maximum rate of charge allowable under the Principal Act for research and development purposes from 0.50 cent per kilogram of honey to 0.75 cent per kilogram of honey.

