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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY BILL 1995

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries
and Energy,
Senator the Honourable Bob Collins)



AMENDMENTS TO THE MEAT AND LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY BILL 1995OUTLINE

1. This Bill forms the major component of a legislative package which is to establish industry arrangements intended to give the industry a greater role and responsibility in deciding its own affairs and move it to a less regulated environment. It is transitional and eventually the three statutory industry authorities covered by the Bill will revert to a non-statutory status, but having provided a framework within which the industry can effectively operate over the longer term. It will also enable industry to identify its problems and devise commercial responses to them, while ensuring an industry-wide commitment to, and consensus in, this process.
2. The proposed amendments are to replace two references in the *Meat and Livestock Industry Bill 1995* to "inspector" with the "authorised officer" and "officer", respectively. These amendments are a consequence of updating the export control and enforcement provisions taken from the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977*. These incorrect references were not picked up in this Bill.
3. The text for clause 2 of the explanatory memorandum is also to be amended, to bring it into line with the wording in this Bill. This clause deals with the commencement of the Bill, which was revised in the Bill just prior to its finalisation and introduction. However, the explanation for clause 2 was not updated at this time. This clause was initially to commence Parts 1 (the preliminary provisions) and 5 (provisions dealing with the selection process) at the time of Royal Assent, but was subsequently changed to commence the Act as a whole on 1 July 1995.
4. The timing of the commencement of Parts 1 and 5 relates to the way the selection process operates for the Boards of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation and Meat Research Corporation. In line with industry's wishes and because of the timing considerations constraining the selection process (Royal Assent can not be given prior to late June 1995) it was decided that the first selection committee would be appointed by the Minister. However, the intention is that appointments made by the Minister will take into account nominations made by an interim selection committee, consisting of three industry

appointees nominated by the Meat Industry Council (which has commenced its operations on an interim basis) and an independent chairperson appointed by the Minister. The interim selection committee is expected to follow the process set out in this Bill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

5. The amendments put forward will not affect Government expenditure and will have no staffing implications for the Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendment (1)

6. Omits "inspector" from subclause 142(1), on page 60, line 12 of the Bill and substitutes "officer". Clause 142 relates to the use of electronic equipment at registered premises entered to monitor compliance or in offence related searches.

Amendment (2)

7. Omits "inspector" from subclause 145(4), on page 62, line 12 of the Bill and substitutes "authorised officer". Clause 145 relates to the return of an item which may be evidence to the commission of an offence under this Part of the Bill.