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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1990**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**(Circulated by authority of the  
Minister for Employment, Education and Training,  
the Hon J S Dawkins MP)**

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## OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1990

### Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Overseas Students Charge Act 1979 to fix the charges payable under the Act in 1991.

### Financial Impact

#### . Higher Education Courses

Charges for higher education courses will continue to be fixed at the current percentages of the estimated full average cost of a place to the Commonwealth, i.e.:

32% of courses commenced before 1 January 1986;  
45% for courses commenced on or after 1 January 1986 but before 1 January 1988; and  
55% for courses commenced on or after 1 January 1988.

#### . TAFE Courses

Charges for TAFE courses will continue to be fixed at the current percentages of the estimated Commonwealth contribution to a TAFE place, i.e.:

32% for courses commenced before 1 January 1987;  
45% for courses commenced on or after 1 January 1987 but before 1 January 1988; and  
55% for courses commenced on or after 1 January 1988.

#### . Secondary Education Courses

The proposed Overseas Students Charge for all secondary students is to be fixed at the current level adjusted by the consumer price index movement.

The Overseas Students Charge raised \$44.514m in 1989/90 and is expected to raise \$42.520m in 1990/91. It is expected that less revenue will be collected in 1990/91 than in the previous financial year because the subsidised program to which the Act relates is being phased out. No new students have been enrolled under the program since the end of 1989 and as students complete their courses they move out of the subsidised program.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title

Clause 2: Commencement: Sets the commencement date of this Act as the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Rates of charge: Sets the rates of charge for the academic year 1991 as follows:

### Higher Education Courses

- (a) Courses enrolled in and begun before 1 January 1986:
  - (i) \$5,236 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$4,443 for all other courses
- (b) Courses enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1985 but before 1 January 1988:
  - (i) \$7,099 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$6,259 for all other courses
- (c) Courses enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1987:
  - (i) \$8,498 for medicine, veterinary science or dentistry; or
  - (ii) \$7,658 for all other courses.

### Technical and Further Education Courses

- (a) \$693 for a course enrolled in and begun before 1 January 1987; or
- (b) \$974 for a course enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1986 but before 1 January 1988; or
- (c) \$1,191 for a course enrolled in and begun after 31 December 1987.

### Secondary Education Courses

\$398 for all students.

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