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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the
Minister for Employment, Education and Training,
the Hon. John Dawkins MP)

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OUTLINE OF THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

These amendments relate to the Award Restructuring Assistance Program embodied in clause 21 of the Bill. They bring within its scope assistance not only in relation to an award or agreement made or endorsed by an industrial tribunal or industrial court, but also in relation to comparable restructuring not covered by such an award or agreement. This ensures that the Program may be applied in respect of restructuring in certain non-government schools and systems where some or all categories of teachers, including principals and deputy principals, may not be covered by industrial awards or agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendments have no separate financial impact: the \$50,000,000 included in Schedule 19 was calculated on the basis that all categories of teachers in all government and non-government sectors would be covered by the Program.

NOTES ON CLAUSES OF AMENDMENTS

Amendment to Clause 3

1. Extends the definition of "additional expenditure" to include expenditure in relation to restructuring outside as well as within the scope of an industrial award or agreement; and establishes that increases in expenditure on the salary of a principal or deputy principal are eligible for assistance under the Award Restructuring Assistance Program (clause 21) where such increases are consequent upon, even if not directly covered by, an approved award, agreement or other eligible change in terms or conditions.

Amendment to Clause 21

2. Brings within the scope of the Award Restructuring Assistance Program restructuring in relation to teachers not covered by an award or agreement, subject to the Minister's approval where he is satisfied that the restructuring results in terms and conditions comparable with those under an approved award or agreement.



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