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States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)  
Amendment Bill 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The primary purpose of this Bill is to supplement tertiary education grants to the States and the Northern Territory for cost increases by amending the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984. This Act provides grants to the States and the Northern Territory for financial assistance to universities and colleges of advanced education for the triennium 1985-87 and technical and further education for 1985.

The Bill will:

- (a) supplement recurrent grants to estimated June 1985 cost levels in accordance with the Government's agreed procedures to make adjustments for cost increases. Capital and equipment grants will be adjusted to December 1984/December quarter 1984 price levels.

The total amount of supplementation to be provided by this Bill is \$219.58m, the amount for 1985 being \$60.43m and the 1986 and 1987 amounts being \$79.226m and \$79.924m respectively.

The supplementation is provided by way of amendments to the relevant sections of the Act for recurrent grants for promotion of equality of opportunity, promoting greater participation of Aboriginals, special assistance for students, key centres of teaching and research, assistance to institutions to meet certain superannuation costs, student residences and affiliated colleges, and special research centres. In the case of other grants, supplementation is provided by way of replacement schedules of grants (see Schedule 1 of the Bill).

- (b) provide for minor technical amendments to the 1984 Act.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

- Clause 1 : Short title.
- Clause 2 : Commencement: Provides for legislation to come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- Clauses 3 to 9 : These clauses amend specified Sections of the Principal Act to adjust for cost increases.
- Clauses 10 to 11 : These clauses provide for very minor technical amendments.
- Clause 12 : Variation of certain schedules relating to building projects : This clause enables variations to be made to the total amounts the Commonwealth expects to contribute to specified building projects. It does not affect the amounts appropriated by the Principal Act. In addition, provision is included to enable the description of individual projects to be varied.
- Clauses 13 to 14 : These clauses provide for very minor technical amendments.
- Clause 15 : Repeal of Schedules and substitution of new Schedules : This clause provides for the substitution of specified schedules as a result of adjustments for cost increases and variations made under relevant Sections of the Principal Act. It also accommodates name changes that have occurred for two institutions, the former Riverina College of Advanced Education and the Darwin Community College, now renamed respectively as the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education and the Darwin Institute of Technology.
- Clause 16 : Payments made before Royal Assent : This clause ensures that payments for grants under the Principal Act are not duplicated by payments under the Principal Act as amended.

