Date introduced: 12 February 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Michael J. Young, M.P., Special Minister of State

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To amend the Ministers of State Act 1952 (the Principal Act) to accommodate the effect of the 3.8% national wage case of November 1985 on the salaries of Government Ministers.

Background

On 4 November 1985, the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission handed down a 3.8% national wage case decision. National wage case decisions automatically apply to all officers within the Remuneration Tribunal's jurisdiction including Commonwealth Ministers.

Under the Principal Act, a limit is placed on the annual sum appropriated from the Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund for ministerial salaries. The Bill proposes to increase this annual limit from $630,000 as it currently stands, to $660,000.

Main Provisions

The Bill will come into effect upon receiving the Royal Assent (clause 2).

Section 5 of the Principal Act will be amended by inserting $660,000 as the new annual sum payable for the salaries of Ministers (clause 3).
For further information, if required, contact the Law and Government Group.

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