DRIED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986

Date introduced: 12 February 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose
To increase the maximum rate of the dried fruits levy.

Background
A levy is imposed on each tonne of dried fruit produced to help fund research into the industry. The actual rate of levy for each category of dried fruit is set on the recommendation of the Dried Fruits Research Committee within the maximum allowed by the Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971 (the Principal Act).

The Government matches the industry contribution to research from the dried fruits levy on a dollar for dollar basis up to a maximum of 0.5% of the gross value of production (GVP) of the industry. As the Principal Act currently stands the maximum rate of levy that may be charged is less than 0.5% of GVP. To enable the rate of levy to be increased by regulation up to 0.5% of GVP, the maximum rate of levy specified in the Principal Act is to be increased by this Bill. At present the industry's contribution to research is approximately 0.14% of GVP.[1]

Main Provisions
The maximum rate of the dried fruits levy is to be increased from $2 to $5 per tonne for dried vine fruits and from $10 to $30 per tonne for dried tree fruits (clause 3 which amends section 6 of the Principal Act).
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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Reference