MEAT CHICKEN 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 chicken levy.

Background

A levy is imposed on each meat chicken hatched to help fund research into the industry. The actual rate of levy is set on the recommendation of the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee within the maximum allowed in the Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969 (the Principal Act).

The Government matches the industry contribution to research from the chicken 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 0.05% of GVP.[1]

Main Provisions

The maximum rate of the meat chicken levy is to be increased from one-quarter of a cent to one cent per meat chicken hatched (clause 3 which amends section 7 of the Principal Act).

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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