



Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2006

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House: House of Representatives

Portfolio: Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Commencement: Most provisions commence on Royal Assent. However a few are backdated to correct technical anomalies in legislation passed as early as 2000.

Purpose

The Bill makes minor and technical amendments to remove anomalies, repeal redundant provisions and clarify the legislation in line with current policy. There are no new policy initiatives in this Bill.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Main provisions

Only provisions which do not merely correct errors or provide clarification are mentioned here.

Items 3 and 4 of Schedule 1 ensure that care provided as part of the compulsory education program of a school cannot give rise to Child Care Benefit eligibility, where outside school hours care is provided at the school.

Item 1 of Schedule 3 repeals paragraph 4(9A)(b) of the *Social Security Act 1991* which requires that a temporarily separated couple must be legally married. This was preventing de facto couples from receiving higher rates of certain supplementary payments where they were temporarily separated for reasons other than illness or respite.

Item 7 of Schedule 3 makes it clear that Remote Area Allowance is payable to residents of Lord Howe Island.

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Item 72 of Schedule 3 includes Carer Allowance in the list of payments not payable during imprisonment.

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