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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL 1986

Date introduced: 19 August 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Dawkins, M.P.,
Minister for Trade

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To provide for the imposition of a higher education administration charge by the Australian National University.

Background

On 19 August 1986 the Treasurer announced the introduction of a higher education administration charge as part of the 1986-87 Budget. The charge is to be \$250 per student in 1987.

The Commonwealth's direct expenditure on tertiary education in 1985-86 was \$2511.6 million.[1] The charge is intended to defray some of the administration overheads being faced by tertiary institutions. The charge will be collected by the institutions and it is estimated that in 1987 collections will total some \$97 million.[2] Grants to institutions will be reduced by 90 per cent of estimated collections, allowing institutions to retain 10 per cent for their own purposes. Collections by the Australian National University for 1987 are estimated to be \$1579 million.

Main Provisions

Clause 2 will insert a new section 29A into the Australian National University Act 1946. Proposed sub-section 29A(1) defines 'enrolment' and 'relevant enrolment' for the purposes of the new section. 'Relevant enrolment' will be defined so as not to include people who are

- . enrolling in a course of technical or further education;

- . full fee paying overseas students;
- . students who have already paid the charge at the same institution when enrolling in another course for the same year;
- . members of a class who receive Commonwealth allowances, benefits or pensions where that class has been declared exempt by the Minister in the Gazette;
- . students enrolled in a course at another institution when enrolment in that course is a compulsory component of the first course and the administrative charge applied to the first course; and
- . people holding a scholarship with a living allowance of at least \$1000.

Proposed sub-section 29A(2) requires the Australian National University to impose the charge, the amount of which will be prescribed by section 4D of the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984.

Remarks

Also refer to the Digest for the

States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)
Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1986 (No. 86/114)
Maritime College Amendment Bill 1986 (No. 86/107)
Canberra College of Advanced Education Amendment
Bill 1986 (No. 86/109)

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare Group.

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References

1. Budget Statements, 1986-87 Budget Paper No. 1, p.93.
2. Ibid., p.98.

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