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DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1996

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments and New Clauses to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

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OUTLINE

These amendments are to be moved on behalf of the Government.

The Bill as originally introduced was amended in the Senate to exclude urban roads from eligibility for the Infrastructure Borrowings concession.

The Government has decided that urban roads should remain eligible for the concession. This reverses the decision of the previous Government, announced on 15 December 1995, to remove urban road projects from eligibility.

Therefore, these amendments will omit the Senate amendments and restore the Bill to its form as originally introduced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

On the current forward estimates in the budget for the cost of infrastructure borrowings, the decision to retain the concession for urban roads is expected to have minimal impact on the budget in 1996-97 and future years.

Schedule 1 - Amendment of the Development Allowance Authority Act 1992

***Item 1:* Urban Roads - do not constitute a land transport facility**

This item omits Clause 28, the proposed new subsection 93L(2A) of the Principal Act which excludes urban roads from eligibility as a land transport facility.

***Item 2:* Criteria for issuing a certificate**

This item omits Clause 31, the proposed new subsection 90(3) of the Principal Act which provides that the DAA shall not issue a certificate in respect of an application received after 15 December 1995 for an infrastructure borrowing to construct an urban road.