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States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance)
Amendment Bill 1988

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendment to be moved by the Government)

(circulated by authority of the Minister for
Employment, Education and Training, the Hon J S Dawkins MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

The amendment to be moved by the Government is to provide interim additional funding to institutions providing higher education courses. This will ensure that institutions are in a position to pay salary increases under the Second Tier National Wage decision to academic and non-academic/general staff. It recognises that productivity gains, a condition of the Second Tier decision, will not be attained immediately. Negotiated industrial agreements will need to be reached to enable the Minister to determine grants to specific institutions on or before 30 June 1988.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The amendment will appropriate an additional \$46.3 million for expenditure in 1988.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 7A : Recurrent grants may be increased to assist institutions in meeting Second Tier Wage Case decisions: This clause will provide additional short term funding to higher education institutions which identify a need for assistance pending achievement of productivity gains. It requires the Minister to determine on or before 30 June 1988 any grants to be made to institutions under this clause.

Clause 14A: Reports by the Minister: This clause is consequential upon clause 7A.